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## French question U.S. right to seek curbs

BONN, Jan. 26 (R) — French Prime Minister Pierre Mauroy was quoted Tuesday as saying that the United States had no right to demand that its allies impose sanctions against the Soviet Union unless Washington was prepared to make similar sacrifices. He told the West German magazine *Stern* that France was not very surprised when U.S. President Reagan imposed sanctions against Moscow and Warsaw last month.

"But the way Reagan handled the question of sanctions, he could not expect a satisfactory answer from the Europeans," Mauroy said.

"The Americans have no right to demand sanctions from the Europeans which impose difficult economic and social burdens on us as long as they themselves are not prepared to make comparable sacrifices," he said.

Mauroy said that historically, sanctions had little effect.

"As far as Poland is concerned the matter is quite simple: Those suppressing Poland have enough to eat, but Poland itself needs our help," he said in the interview released Tuesday.

France would honor its existing agreements with Poland but would not enter into any new accords with Warsaw for the time being he said.

"It is quite unthinkable to supply financial help to a country whose people are suppressed at the present time," Mauroy continued in the interview.

"Before we are ready to negotiate with the Polish government again, martial law at least must be lifted."

Referring to West German reluctance to condemn the Polish leadership too seriously for the crackdown in Poland, Mauroy spoke of "differing sensibilities" between Paris and Bonn, in the same way that the historical relationships of both countries with Poland

differed.

President Reagan's sanctions against Moscow included the suspension of export licenses to the Soviet Union for electronic and high technology equipment. Washington's sanctions against Warsaw included the suspension of government-sponsored shipments of agricultural and dairy products.

In Warsaw, the Polish parliament has endorsed the imposition of martial law but said it should last no longer than necessary.

It also passed a resolution supporting military leader Wojciech Jaruzelski who said Monday that martial law could be lifted by the end of February as long as there were no signs of any serious opposition.

Monday night Polish television quoted parliament as saying "the restrictions of civic freedoms and normal conditions of life arising from martial law ought to be gradually moderated."

"The Sejm (parliament) believes that martial law ought not to last longer than is necessary."

General Jaruzelski, appearing before parliament for the first time since martial law was imposed on Dec. 13, said the decision to impose martial law was made in Warsaw and nowhere else. It was necessary to avert civil war, he added.

The White House said the speech could not be described as positive because it gave no specific date for an end to martial law or for the start of a dialogue between the church, the state and the Solidarity free trade union.

U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig, in Geneva for talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, described the speech as a disappointment and said it contained no indication of compromise.

Gromyko has said he has no intention of discussing Poland during his talks Tuesday with Haig who says he plans to express "Western outrage" at what he describes as increasing repression in Poland.

In reprisal for the Soviet Union's alleged role in the Polish crisis, the European common market countries are also close to agreement on plans to make credit more expensive for Moscow.

General Jaruzelski, warmly applauded in the Polish parliament during Monday's speech, said "the basis of our policy has always been alliance with the Soviet Union."

He attacked the West for imposing sanctions and criticizing martial law. "We will not stand before any self-appointed tribunals," he said.

## Khaled, Fahd receive officials

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — King Khaled received at his office here Tuesday the Canadian Minister of Energy Marc Lalonde, the Moroccan Finance Minister Abdul Latif Al Zawahri and of Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman Willard Botcher. The king also received the credentials of the new Argentinian and

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## Peru floods claim 200 lives

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 26 (AP) — Heavy rains in a jungle region northeast of here flooded the town of Uchiza and 200 people were reported dead, the civil defense reported Monday. The agency said the Chantayacu River overflowed its banks Sunday, also leaving about 600 families homeless by Monday in Uchiza, a village about 400 miles (644 km) northeast of Lima. The civil defense said the Chantayacu River is a tributary of the Huallaga River, one of the principal waterways in the Amazon Basin.

The 1981 census showed Uchiza had a population of 13,866. Lois Paez, press spokesman for the civil defense, said the river

flooded after several days of torrential rains. Reports said the majority of the victims drowned and many were carried away by the river.

A civil defense spokeswoman said an air force cargo plane would leave Lima for Uchiza on Tuesday morning with 15 tons of medicine, food and clothing. She said those who lost their homes moved to higher ground.

The spokeswoman said the rains also caused flooding and damage to many other dwellings along the Huallaga River near the city of Tingo Maria.

Uchiza has a small airport and a dirt road that connects with Tingo Maria.

## Americans lose heart as economy sustains fresh jolts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (R) — Unemployment in the U.S. is affecting small towns and rural areas as well as big industrial cities, and people are deeply worried.

In Colorado, jobless persons are sleeping in their cars. Across the country farmers are going broke. Shops are closing.

From snow-covered Kansas to rural Wisconsin and the rolling hills of Texas, Americans are telling their members of Congress they are worried about their livelihoods, rising unemployment, high interest rates and depressed prices of farm products.

Congressmen from around the country said they have found that people still like President Reagan personally but are beginning to wonder if he can straighten out the economy.

The concern of ordinary Americans is shared by private economists who are pessimistic about long-term growth. They complain that the tight monetary policy of the

country's central bank, the Federal Reserve Board, is on a collision course with the president's aim of stimulating the economy through tax cuts.

Americans feel they have plenty of reasons to feel gloomy, with 9.5 million people out of work, industrial output declining 6.9 percent in the past 18 months, and forecasts that interest rates are about to begin rising again because of huge deficits in government budgets.

The current jobless rate of 8.9 percent, just below the post World War II record and is expected to climb further.

But economic slowdown has reduced inflation to 8.9 percent from 12.4 percent in 1980, and the fight against inflation is Reagan's top priority.

The recession has especially hurt the car and construction industries. Because of a slump in sales and competition from Japanese imports, more than a quarter of a million car workers are without jobs and there is no sign of any upturn yet.

Conditions in Michigan are so difficult that talks have begun between General Motors and Ford and the United Auto Workers' union, which is anxious to save jobs, on possible pay cuts in return for lower car prices in order to boost sales.

Americans are concerned about the recession not only for its immediate effects, but for the impact on their children.

In the snow-swept hamlet of Ford, Kansas, a worried cattleman stood up last week in a restaurant named the Blue Hereford and told his congressman: "Pat, the most important thing used to be whether my son could continue my farm. Now the question is whether I'm going to stay in business."

Pat Roberts, a loyal Reagan backer, said the farm business "has been bleeding for several years, but now it is hemorrhaging." "I've never seen it so serious as the situation right now," Roberts said.

One cattle breeder who had been a local campaign chairman for Reagan told Roberts

## U.K. jobless hit record

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP) — The number of Britons out of work topped the politically sensitive 3 million mark in January for the first time in history, the government reported Tuesday.

After declining marginally for three straight months, Britain's jobless rate rose to 12.7 percent from 12.2 percent in December, according to figures released by the Department of Employment.

The department said 3,070,621 people were out of work in January, a rise of nearly 130,000 over December.

The new figures mean one in eight of Britain's 24.2 million workforce is without a job.

Opposition politicians mounted fresh attacks on Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative government, whose tight money policies they blame for the country's worst unemployment figures since the Depression of the 1930s.

"Today will be remembered as the day the prime minister became Mrs. Three Million," said opposition Labor Party spokes-

man on unemployment, Eric Varley.

Mrs. Thatcher's Employment Secretary Norman Tebbit described unemployment crashing the 3 million barrier as a "sad reminder" of how far Britain has to go to recover from what this administration regards as years of previous economic mismanagement.

The 9-month-old centrist Social Democratic Party, riding higher than either major parties in opinion polls, said Mrs. Thatcher, whose term has more than two years to run, should resign and call a general election now.

"These grim figures are the unmistakable symbol of the abject and humiliating failure of the government's economic policies," said SDP employment spokesman John Grant.

Statistics showed that in January an additional 122,666 adults and 7,252 youngsters out of high school joined the dole lines.

Len Murray, general secretary of the 11.5-million member Trades Union Congress, Britain's AFL-CIO, described the latest figures as a "national disaster."

## Facing crisis of confidence

## Manila's growth rate slides

MANILA, Jan. 26 (AFP) — The Philippines registered its lowest economic growth rate, 4.9 percent, in almost a decade last year, a government report said Tuesday.

The report pointed out that 1981 also saw financial scandals that brought about a crisis of confidence in the financial system "and which by their magnitude could have crippled the economy."

The National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) report said. The last time the Philippines registered a growth rate of 4.9 percent was in 1972 "when unsettling domestic events aggravated by severe weather disturbances necessitated the imposition of martial law," the report

said.

Last year's estimated gross national product (GNP) was 97.4 billion pesos (\$12.1 billion) compared to 92.9 billion pesos in 1980. In terms of growth, last year's increase had slowed down compared to the 1980 performance of 5.4 percent and the 1979 increase of 6.1 percent.

Even so, the Philippine economy tapered its inflation rate from 1980's 14.8 percent to 13.2 at the end of last year. And in real terms, per capita Gross national product increased by 2.3 percent or 1,968 pesos (\$246) compared to 1,923 pesos (\$240) in 1980.

## As defense talks conclude

## GCC opens economic debate

By Wahib Ghorab  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 26 — The importance of closer military and security cooperation between Gulf states was stressed Tuesday by Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) defense ministers. At the conclusion of the meeting conferees stressed that cooperation would ward off potential dangers and keep the region free from outside intervention and foreign military bases.

As the defense ministers prepared to leave, their colleagues, the ministers of finance, began their own meeting to strengthen financial and economic cooperation among the six member states. The GCC comprises Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain. It was formed last year to forge closer cooperation between members in every field.

Speaking to the press after the final meeting, which ended without public resolutions, Defense Minister Prince Sultan said the conferees had discussed Gulf security and had studied all the recommendations put before them. There were no differences of opinion,

all ministers agreed on all points unanimously.

"The armed forces of the Gulf Arab states form one force with no divisions and are prepared to help all the Arabs regain their lost rights," Prince Sultan said.

GCC General Secretary Abdullah Bisharah expressed satisfaction with the success of the conference and said that defense cooperation and coordination now are "inevitable."

The basic philosophy of the conference was to establish self-reliance in ensuring the security and stability of the region while repudiating foreign bases and spheres of influence.

Prince Sultan said this was a correct interpretation of conference philosophy. He strongly dismissed claims that the Gulf needed foreign protection of any kind, Eastern or Western. This is the prime responsibility of the governments and people of the area, he said.

Asked if the ministers had studied the formation of a defense "umbrella" for the region

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that he had just gone bankrupt but still believed in the goals of the Reagan program.

"I'll be back when times are better," the cattleman said.

In Mississippi, farmers "are hurting and

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that hurts business" according to David Bowen, a Democratic member of the House of Representatives.

"Every time you go back into a town, more shops are out of business. The climate is frightening. A lot of people are not spending money because they're concerned about being out of work later."

In Wisconsin in the north, Senator Robert Kastan, a strong Reagan backer, said: "You can go to a coffee shop and one of every seven or eight people has someone in the family who has been laid off."

"Last year it (unemployment) was a statis-

## Suslov, Russian number 2, is dead

MOSCOW, Jan. 26 (R) — Soviet Communist Party ideologist Mikhail Suslov, the most powerful figure in the Kremlin after President Leonid Brezhnev, died Monday night, leaving a major gap in the aging Soviet hierarchy. The official news agency Tass said that Suslov, 79, died after a "brief, grave illness."

Informed Soviet sources said he succumbed in the special hospital beside the Kremlin where members of the Soviet elite are treated. They added that Suslov, whose illness was not named, was believed to have been on life-support systems when he died.

Suslov, a 35-year veteran of high Kremlin politics and seen as a rigid Communist hard-liner opposed to any deviation from Marxist doctrine, wielded immense power within the leadership.

In a first tentative assessment, Western diplomats said that his departure could conceivably lead to changes in Soviet policy, though they stressed any shifts were not likely to be seen for some time.

Suslov was expected to be given a full state funeral in Moscow's Red Square attended by Brezhnev, 75, and his other leadership colleagues.

Despite the Tass announcement, there was no news on radio and television for some hours afterwards, an indication that Suslov's death may have taken his colleagues by surprise.

Suslov, tall and gaunt with a shock of white hair, appeared in relatively good health when performing his public duties and often much steadier on his feet than Brezhnev, four years

his junior.

Western analysts said Suslov's death had robbed Brezhnev of a possibly irreplaceable supporter and adviser in the collective leadership that has ruled the Soviet Union since 1964.

Suslov acted as prosecutor against former Kremlin leader Nikita Khrushchev in the conspiracy that toppled him, and was said later to have been the "kingmaker" in putting together a new leadership with Brezhnev at its head.

Brezhnev's gradual accumulation of power since then to hold both the leadership of the Communist Party and the state presidency was clearly achieved with the blessing of Suslov.

The latter's power was never in question. Whenever Brezhnev returned from trips Suslov was always the first member of the leadership to step forward to provide the traditional Russian bear-hug.

It was usually Suslov who pinned on Brezhnev's breast his many state awards and at important Kremlin gatherings Suslov always stood close to Brezhnev.

Moscow-based foreign diplomats were told privately that Suslov, as leading party secretary, discharged Brezhnev's functions as party leader when the latter was ill or out of the country.

In ideological matters, Suslov was the Kremlin's unchallenged spokesman, an interpreter of Marxist-Leninist dogma and defender of the Soviet Party against unorthodoxy.

## Soviets seen relying on might

TOKYO, Jan. 26 (AFP) — The Soviet Union will be forced to rely more on military power to maintain its position as a superpower in the years ahead, the Japan Institute of International Affairs said Tuesday. The research institute, headed by former Japanese Ambassador to Moscow Toru Nakagawa, also said that worsening economic problems would force a slowdown in Moscow's military buildup by the end of the eighties.

The institute's study of the Soviet situation was started last September at the direction of Premier Zenko Suzuki after the publication of the 1981 defense white paper with its emphasis on what it called "the growth of the latent Soviet threat." Suzuki asked for a comprehensive analysis of the economic, scientific, social and other indicators of Soviet stability.

The two main questions tackled by the institute were how long the Soviet Union could maintain its rapid military build-up and how powerful it was, in relative terms, in the Far East, the Pacific and other parts of the world.

The report said the Soviet Union was pursuing an "idiosyncratic" economic policy that sacrificed future economic growth to current military needs, but it was no longer possible for Moscow to seek growth in both its consumer and military economies.

The report pointed out that the growth of Soviet weapons procurements, which was about 5 percent in the late seventies, has been boosted to between 7 and 8 percent.

However, with total military expenditures, including personnel costs, growing at an annual rate of 6.5 to 7 percent — well in excess of the total growth in the gross national product — the study predicted that the flagging economy would force procure-

ment rates down to the 4 percent level in the second half of the decade.

The report also noted that the Soviet economy was facing a grave crisis in agriculture and energy and predicted that exports of Soviet oil to its European satellites would have to be sharply curtailed in the late 1980's.

The ensuing economic difficulties, combined with the situation in Poland, could force the Soviets to re-assess their control of Eastern Europe, the study said.

Meanwhile, it added, the minimal progress in the production of consumer durables, coupled with food shortages and other fallout from the emphasis on military production, would leave the Soviet public increasingly out of step with its leadership.

The study predicted that over the long term consumer dissatisfaction could erode the political authority and power base of the Communist Party.

In its regional survey, the report stressed that the deployment of Soviet SS20 missiles and Backfire Bombers was changing the theater nuclear balance in the Far East.

Moreover it said, there were some factors conducive to a reconciliation between Moscow and Peking, making it dangerous to automatically assume that the military confrontation between the two Communist giants would continue.

The study predicted that Moscow would try every political plot to exploit any suggestion of a break between Japan and the United States, especially over the question of Japan's share of the defense burden.

It called for Japan to increase its military strength and, particularly, its naval and air defense capability, in order to secure its sea lanes.

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## SR74m contract let for Faraa dam project

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim, acting agriculture and water minister, signed Tuesday a SR74 million contract for building a dam in Madinah region.

The contract, awarded to a national company, will provide for implementing the Wadi Faraa dam, 15 kms. south of Yanbu Al-Bahar. The dam will be 13.5 meters high and 600 meters wide with a capacity of storing 20 million cubic meters of water.

It will be provided with four sluices to control the outflow of water from the reservoir. A bridge, six meters high and supported by concrete columns will be constructed over the dam.

The dam will have a positive effect on the farms of the region by feeding the upper layer of soil with water. In addition to contributing to the expansion of agricultural projects, it will ward off dangers of flooding from the industrial installations of the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu.

In a separate development, the Agriculture and Water Ministry's branch in the Eastern Province is currently distributing subsidies for dates and saplings in Ahsa, Qatif, Azl and

other villages. The ministry's assistance totals to SR5 million.

The branch also is conducting studies and designs for implementing the second phase of a program to expand the arable land in Qatif. The program incorporates the construction of irrigation and drainage networks on a site of 6,000 hectares. Various agricultural services and roads also will be developed under the program.

Other agricultural activities in Qatif include the works of the Qatif Agricultural Improvement Project Administration. The project carries out land development programs through the use of fertilizers and chemicals, in addition to maintaining irrigation and drainage channels. The administration also develops drainage canals for new farms starting from Syhat in the south to Awamiya in the north.

According to Abdul Rahman Al-Yamani, the ministry Eastern Province branch director general, one of the latest projects by the branch is a fodder storehouse in Ahsa. Planned to occupy 10,000 square meters, the store project will cost SR3 million, he said.

### Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	12:34	12:34	12:06	11:52	12:17	12:47
Dhuhr (Noon)	3:45	3:42	3:13	3:57	3:22	3:48
Asr (Afternoon)	6:08	6:04	5:35	5:19	5:44	6:10
Maghreb (Sunset)	7:38	7:34	7:05	6:49	7:14	7:40
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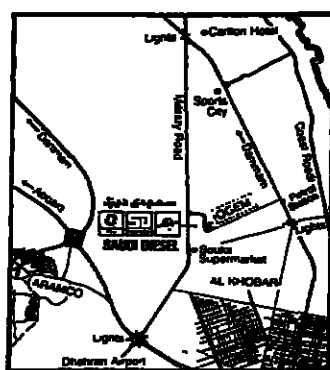
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## Petromin plans 20 management courses for staff

By Devadas Kini  
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 — Petromin is planning to have 20 programs this year to train its employees at management level. The management training courses will be held in Jeddah, Alkhobar and Riyadh as well as outside the Kingdom, according to Mustafa Obeid and Magdi Zaki, management development experts of Petromin.

Speaking to *Arab News*, Obeid said one course has already been held in Alkhobar in January for 19 selected executives in the middle level of management and the second one is under way in Jeddah. The two programs are on the theme of 'management by objectives and results' and the trainees are given real-life problems of industry and how they can be overcome. They are taught the importance of having clear objectives to achieve results, Obeid said.

He added that the courses are not merely on general management, but also on preventive maintenance, safety, production improvement techniques, transfer of technology and work simplification. The courses are in Arabic as well as in English and will be of long or short duration depending on the nature of the subject, he said.

Twenty trainees from among the participants of all the courses will be given advanced training on the subject of successful management for a month at a seminar to be held in the U.K. in May, he revealed.

Petromin has trained 400 executives and supervisors in 1981 and has been conducting almost 15 courses every year since 1977, Obeid said. It has had one-day lecture classes, called monthly meetings, for the past three years to improve the management level of its personnel.

## New bus route to serve Gholail

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company (SAPTCO) announced Tuesday the introduction of a new route to serve Gholail district. The route 15, scheduled to start Jan. 30, will link Souk Al-Yumana to Gholail district and the first bus will start at 0520 in the morning. It will operate at 13 minutes' interval until midnight.

SAPTCO resident manager A.W. Mansouri said that the new route will bridge the unserved gap in the district, which is thickly populated.

## Customs officials train in America

Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, Jan. 26 — Twenty-one Saudi Arabian students began their training as customs officials at Arkansas State University (ASU) in Jonesborough Jan. 5, according to the administrative coordinator of the program.

Winfred L. Thompson, ASU's vice president for institutional planning, said that the 21 students and their families were brought to the university in connection with a program developed by the U.S. Customs Service and the Saudi Arabian Customs Directorate General.

Arkansas State was awarded the \$2 million per year contract to train the students, Thompson said. As it exists now, the contract

will run through April 15, but negotiations are currently under way with the U.S. Customs Service to extend the agreement to Sept. 30 — the end of the federal government's fiscal year. The contract is renewable for 5 years.

The students were selected by the Kingdom's customs ministry and provided with some English training before moving to Arkansas, he said. The students and their families will receive further instruction in English while undergoing training here.

The Saudi students are working to obtain undergraduate and graduate degrees in public administration, which, when coupled with specialized training by the U.S. Customs Service, will provide Saudi Arabia with experienced customs officials.

## 7 houses chosen for preservation

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 — The municipality has chosen seven old houses with special architectural features for preservation for posterity. One will contain a restaurant, another a library and two or three of the rest will form part of a heritage museum.

A senior official of the municipality, downtown branch, Mahmoud Nasser, told *Arab News* Wednesday that an eight year old building with some vintage furniture will be preserved in its entirety to provide an architectural link with the past.

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# Canada offers nuclear technology cooperation

By Scott Pendleton  
Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, Jan. 26 — Marc Lalonde, Canadian minister of energy, mines and resources, Tuesday offered to cooperate with Saudi Arabia in nuclear technology. But he denied Kuwaiti press reports that Lalonde

## King Shah in Madinah

MADINAH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — King Ahmad Shah of Malaysia arrived here Tuesday afternoon to visit and pray at the Prophet's mosque. He was welcomed by Prince Abdul Mohsen, the governor, and other senior officials and officers.

Earlier, King Shah visited the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran. He was accompanied by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazari who is escorting him during the seven-day official visit to the country.

## Road seminar opens at UPM

DHAHRAN, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Discussions of the roads and traffic safety seminar began Tuesday at the University of Petroleum and Minerals' lectures hall. The seminar is organized by the Communications Ministry in cooperation with the Swedish Transport and Communications Ministry.

It was opened by Sami Fauda, Eastern Province roads department director general, on behalf of the communications minister. He underlined, in his opening statement, the ministry's emphasis on exchange of information and expertise with advanced countries.

He also reviewed the Kingdom's roads condition since 1953 when the total length of roads was only 270 kilometers. During the first and second development plans a network of 22,000 kilometers were developed.

By now, the figure has increased to 24,000 in addition to some 15,000 kilometers of rural roads.

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offered Canadian nuclear technology with no strings attached.

Describing the reports as "imaginative," Lalonde told *Arab News* that Canada offers the technology "for peaceful purposes" to countries that sign the nuclear non-proliferation agreement and follow Canadian safeguards against misuse that are "the highest in the world."

Lalonde also denied making a specific offer to sell reactors to Kuwait. "I did not put an offer of four reactors on the table," he said. He had only discussed how it was possible to install a series of reactors. He noted that Kuwait hasn't even decided to "go nuclear" yet.

Lalonde, here on a three-day visit which began Monday, held talks Tuesday with several ministers. He met with Petroleum and Minerals Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani. The Canadian minister also met with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer to review cooperation between the two countries. Earlier during the day, he had discussed cooperation with Posts, Telegraph and Telephones Minister Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal.

Lalonde said he believes Canadian nuclear technology called CANDU might interest a country considering nuclear power. Canada has only 12 of the world's 300 reactors, but six of them are among the world's top 10 in performance.

Lalonde also discussed the possibility of expanding cooperation in energy and mineral technology. He confirmed that easy licensing of technology would be one avenue. But it would be limited to government-controlled technology. "I can't speak for privately-controlled," Lalonde said.

Canada is also willing to train Saudi Arabians at its various institutions.

Asked whether Kuwait offered to explore for oil in Canada, Lalonde thought for several moments, then said, "we discussed investment generally, but I wouldn't go further than that."

## City gets big park

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi Tuesday opened the city's largest public garden here with an area of 225,000 square meters. It will be divided into two parts. One part will be for the public and other for the municipality's saplings. A few friendly countries have donated thousands of saplings, he said.

## Plant to be dedicated

DAMMAM, Jan. 26 — A new manufacturing plant for drilling bits at the new industrial estate here will open Jan. 27. Government officials, Aramco executives businessmen, water drilling company managers and others have been invited to attend the event, according to Al-Rushaid Investment Company Tuesday.

## World mosques council begins 7th session

MAKKAH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — Deputy Governor of Makkah Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsen deputized for King Khaled at the opening of the seventh session of the World Supreme Council for Mosques here Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, Prince Saud

## King donates SR9m

RIYADH, Jan. 26 (SPA) — King Khaled has donated SR3 million to the World Supreme Council for Mosques fund bringing his total donations to mosques in the Muslim world to SR9 million this year, according to Sheikh Mukhtar Al-Amin, assistant secretary general of the council. This is in addition to the regular donation by the Saudi Arabian government of SR15 million a year as ordered by the King.

So far the fund has received SR45 million which has been allocated to the building and maintenance of mosques in the name of King Khaled and his government.

reaffirmed that Muslims will regain unity only through adherence to the divine commands. He said the Kingdom will not spare any efforts in boosting Islamic solidarity and assisting Islamic minorities and societies by building mosques, schools and Islamic centers.

He urged the participants to realize such a big responsibility and trust resting on "our shoulders to raise the cultural, intellectual and material level of preachers and imams in every Islamic state." The prince expressed the hope that efforts would be exerted to restore the position of mosques in carrying out its great message.

The governor was followed by Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the muslims world league and of the supreme council for mosques, who said that Muslims would be able to end their rift only if they take inspiration from the Holy Quran and the Traditions of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him). He called upon the council members to educate Muslims and to raise their religious, intellectual and cultural level, so they are able to prepare themselves to accept the recommendations and resolutions of Islamic conferences and seminars.

Bakar Drami, assistant secretary general for cultural affairs at the Islamic Solidarity Fund, highlighted the significance of encountering the deviationist challenges and ideologies and protecting the Islamic faith from heretical currents.

Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, director of the Islamic desk at the Foreign Office, said that his department cooperates with the council's secretariat in spreading the message of Islam and supporting Islamic activity as well as Islamic organizations and societies throughout the world.

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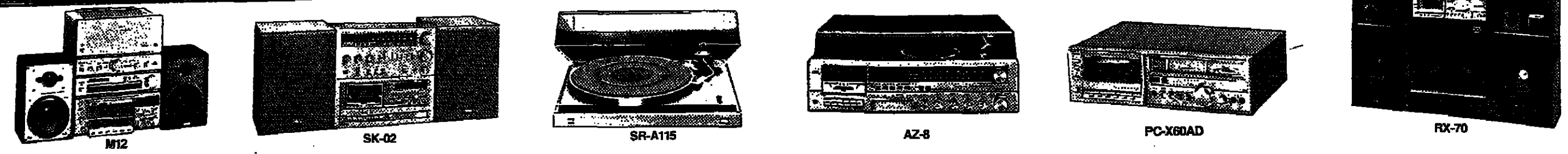
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## Mengistu announces offensive to crush Eritrea's fighters

NAIROBI, Kenya, Jan. 26 (AP) — Ethiopian leader Mengistu Haile Mariam has announced the launching of a major offensive called "Red Star" to wipe out freedom fighters in Eritrea and reconstruct the war-torn region, the Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) reported Tuesday.

A report by the government-owned news agency received here said Mengistu

### Begin survives no-confidence vote over Sinai

TEL AVIV, Jan. 26 (AP) — Prime Minister Menachem Begin narrowly survived a motion of no confidence in his government Tuesday over his handling of compensation for Jewish settlers in the Sinai desert. The vote was 55-52. Thirteen members of the 120-member Knesset (parliament) were absent.

It was the third unsuccessful no-confidence motion presented against Begin since his re-election to a second term of office last June.

Begin, suffering from a broken hip joint, turned up in a wheelchair for the vote. The motion was introduced by the 48-seat opposition Labor Party, which was following up its surprise victory in getting parliament to censure the government's Sinai compensation policy on Monday.

There was no debate before the no-confidence vote, since the issue already had been thoroughly aired at Monday's debate.

The right-wing Tehiya (renaissance) Party and the right-of-center Telem Faction gave the motion three votes, and an additional came from the centrist Shinui (change) Party and the Moscow-aligned Communists. Five labor members were absent.

announced "the historic 'Red Star' multifaceted revolutionary campaign" during a speech Monday in the Eritrean capital of Asmara. Mengistu gave no military details of the Red Star campaign but diplomatic sources reached in Addis Ababa said Ethiopia has reinforced its 80,000 to 90,000 troops in Eritrea with 30,000 fresh men.

The sources discounted claims by the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF), the main resistance force, that four Ethiopian divisions totaling about 70,000 troops and 2,000 Soviet soldiers had entered Eritrea in the past two months. The sources said there were Soviet advisers in Eritrea — but no troops.

The ENA report claimed that the Red Star campaign is aimed at extracting an estimated three million Eritreans from "the abyss of terror" of a 21-year war — the longest in Africa.

"The Red Star campaign will mobilize all available resources simultaneously to end once and for all... the organized banditry which over the years exacted a heavy toll of human life and caused over a billion birr (\$500 million) of property destruction and to expedite the development process," ENA said.

Diplomatic sources said the offensive is centered around the mountainous northern Eritrean village of Nakfa, which is the last EPLF stronghold.

Mengistu's speech was the first official announcement that a military offensive is underway to seize the remaining rebel strongholds in strategically important Eritrea, whose 1,160-kilometer Red Sea coastline includes Ethiopia's two main ports.

Diplomatic sources said Mengistu made it clear in his 2 1/2-hour speech that his pro-Soviet government won't make any political accommodation with the EPLF or rival Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF).

### BRIEFS

BEIRUT, (AFP) — Skirmishes continued Tuesday for the second day running in coastal South Lebanese villages between the Amal Shiite militia and organizations of the left-wing national movement fighting for control of the villages, it was reported here.

NICOSIA, (AP) — Iraq reiterated Tuesday it was ready to accept any Iranian formula for the exchange of family visits of prisoners of war between the two countries. The official Iraqi News Agency said "The Iraqi government declares its acceptance of any kind of formula that will achieve this humanitarian objective."

TEL AVIV, (AFP) — The headquarters of the Palestinian Red Crescent in Israeli-

occupied Gaza were burned down Monday night by "unidentified persons," Palestinian sources reported here Tuesday. The building's library and archives department in particular were extensively damaged, they said, and 300 books dealing with the Palestinian question were destroyed.

CAIRO, (AP) — Thirteen persons jailed on charges of involvement in last summer's sectarian strife, were released Tuesday, a police report said.

TUNIS, (R) — The first conference of Euro-Arab Friendship Associations opened here Tuesday under Arab League sponsorship.

## 50 officers said executed in Syria for coup attempt

BEIRUT, Jan. 26 (AFP) — A total of 50 army officers were recently executed in Syria as suspected participants in an attempted coup, the rightist Phalangist radio Voice of Lebanon reported here Monday.

Reports in Paris from travelers arriving from Damascus said up to 300 air force and army officers had been arrested in the past week. The suspected participants reportedly included several generals. Nothing is known about their political affiliations.

The coup, said to be the most significant challenge to President Hafez Assad since his coming to power in November 1970, reportedly failed because one of the officers informed the authorities.

Little is known about the shape the coup was meant to take but the alleged involvement of the air force has led to the hypothesis that government buildings were to be bombed.

## Mubarak to promote peace

CAIRO, Jan. 26 (AP) — President Hosni Mubarak, due to visit Washington and four European capitals next week, said Tuesday his talks would focus on ways to reach an overall Middle East peace and economic development of Egypt.

In a half hour speech upon his election as chairman of Egypt's ruling party, Mubarak also stressed Egypt's commitment to nonalignment, and to bringing other Arab parties into the peace effort.

In a crisp, business like tone he said the priorities of Egypt was "peace, development and reconstruction," and he added Egypt would strive especially to bring the Palestinians into the peace process. "In my upcoming tour abroad, I shall work for these interests," he said.

Mubarak leaves Jan. 30 for talks in Italy, France, Britain, the United States and West Germany.

As in previous speeches since he succeeded the assassinated President Anwar Sadat last October, Mubarak underlined the theme of nonalignment. There recently has been a

thaw in Egypt's relations with Moscow, strained in September with the expulsion of the Soviet ambassador, six top diplomats and 700 technicians.

Egypt announced Monday that 66 Soviet technicians would be returning to Cairo to work on industrial plants set up with Soviet assistance in the 1960s, and two additional diplomats have been accredited to the 32-man mission here. But Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali stressed that ambassadorial level relations would not be established in the near future.

"Keeping in mind the national security of Egypt, and its interests, we shall cooperate with all countries which extend a friendly hand. But we reject subordination," Mubarak said. "Egypt's strategic interests lie in its ties with Arab, African and Islamic nations, but that does not prevent close and deep relations with European states, the United States and others."

## Iran clashes leave 16 dead

BEIRUT, Jan. 26 (AP) — Sixteen persons were killed and several others arrested when "counter revolutionaries" attacked the police station and the local governor's office in the northern Iranian town of Amol, Tehran radio reported Tuesday. The radio said the clashes occurred Monday night.

Amol, with a population of 250,000, is 120 kms northeast of Tehran.

The state-owned radio did not say who was responsible for the night attack, but Amol is one of the strongholds of the underground Mujahedeen Khalq urban guerrilla group fighting a seven-month old war of bombings and assassinations against the regime of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Meanwhile, the Paris office of Mujahedeen leader Massoud Rajavi said there have been worker strikes in the oil refinery of Shiraz, southern Iran.

## Congress asked to OK Arabsat deal

By Charles W. Holmes  
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 — The Reagan administration is once again asking Congress to approve the sale of American-made satellite components to ARABSAT, the Arab Telecommunication Satellite Organization.

Following a two-month-long review and consultation period, the U.S. State Department re-notified Congress on Monday of its intention to proceed with the \$79 million export of satellite parts. Secretary of State Alexander Haig made the decision to re-submit the package to Congress "following a

careful review of the case and consultations with Congress," according to a department spokesman.

The ARABSAT package originally had been delivered to Congress last November, but was withdrawn less than a month later because of opposition in the Senate. Some lawmakers were disturbed over the potential use of the satellite equipment for military purposes, and were upset they had not been informed beforehand of the ARABSAT project, which includes members that the United States does not formally recognize, such as Libya, South Yemen, and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

## U.S. supports Sudan's economic plan

KHARTOUM, Jan. 26 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan has expressed support for President Jaafar Numeiri at an upcoming meeting on international aid for Sudan's deficit-ridden economy, the official news agency reported.

In a message delivered by the U.S. charge d'affaires here, the administration discussed U.S. aid to Sudan and the role Washington will play in supporting Sudan at the meeting

in Paris Jan. 27, the agency said.

Numeiri embarked on a drastic economic austerity program last November, devaluing the Sudanese pound and thereby increasing the cost of all exports, and lifting subsidies on sugar, resulting in a 62.5 percent hike in the price of that commodity.


The Jan. 1 sugar price hike sparked riots in Khartoum and other cities.

## Numeiri names Malik SSU chief

KHARTOUM, Jan. 26 (AFP) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has appointed Col. Awad Malik secretary of the Sudanese Socialist Union (SSU), the country's only political party. He replaces Gen. Abdul Magid Hamid Khalil, who was dismissed from the post last Sunday when Numeiri dissolved the SSU Central Committee, Politburo and General Secretariat.

Gen. Khalil was Monday dismissed from his posts of first vice-president, defense minister and commander in chief of the armed forces.

Col. Malik, formerly secretary of the SSU regular forces committee, was Sunday named rapporteur of a committee set up to consider reorganization of the party.

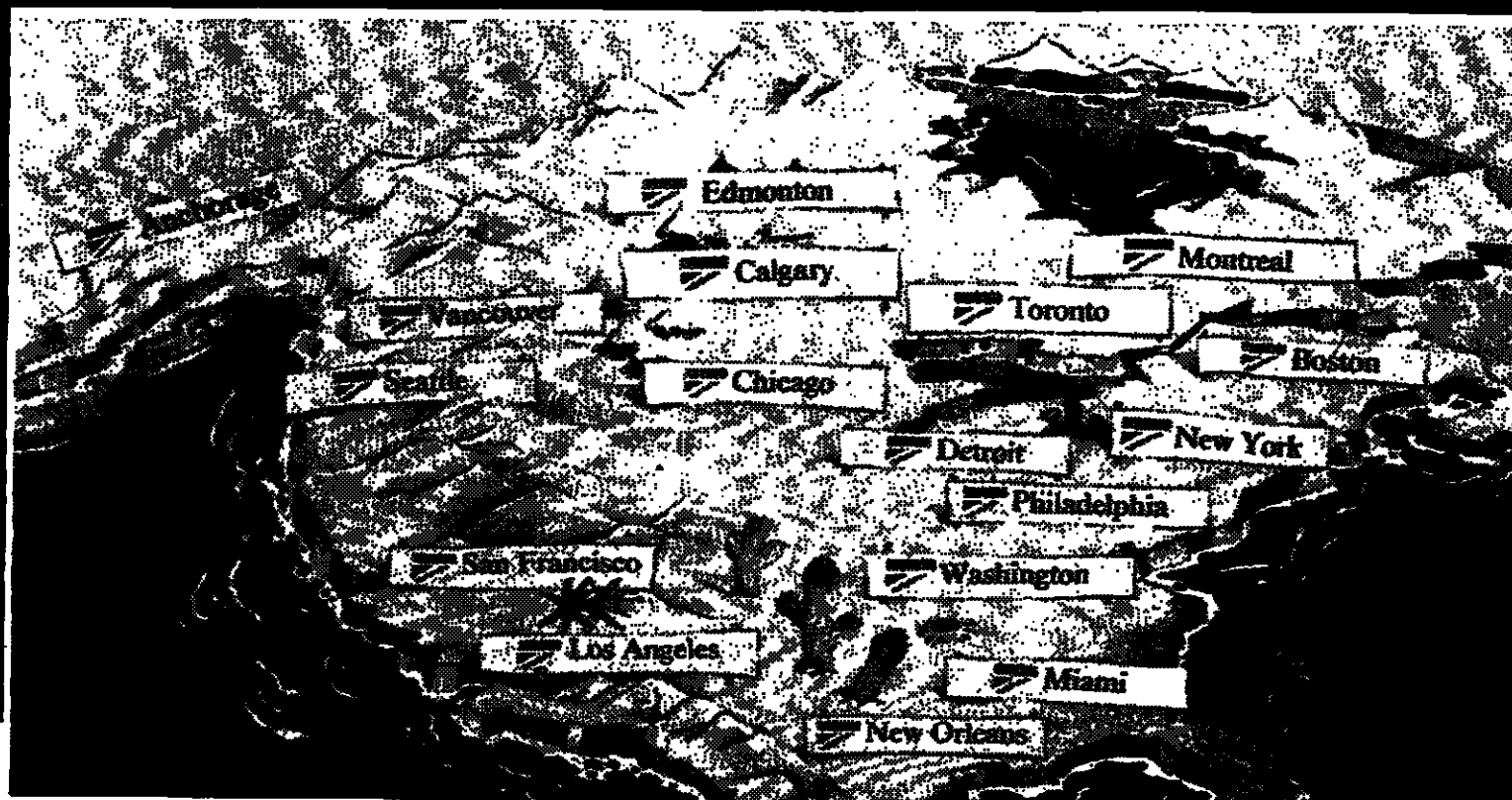


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## Mass protest vote

# Railwaymen boycott London newspapers

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP) — rail workers at London's King Cross Station voted Monday to continue refusing to transport press magazine Rupert Murdoch's newspapers, in protest of a story alleging time-card cheating by locomotive engineers.

The decision came as the state-run British Rail network, paralyzed for six of the last 13 days by striking engineers, returned to near normal. There were threats of other strikes. The Conservative government's transport secretary, David Howell, announced new

moves to help Britain's strike-weary rail commuters, saying emergency parking lots set up in the capital would be kept open all week and extra traffic police drafted.

Half of British Rail's 2 million daily passengers are commuters in the London region. The King's Cross local of the 25,000-strong drivers' union, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, voted at a mass meeting at the station to continue the newspaper boycott.

Murdoch's News International owns *The Times* of London, the tabloid *Sun* and two Sunday newspapers, *The Sunday Times* and *The News of the World*.

The 3.8 million circulation *Sun*, Britain's biggest-selling daily, last Friday bannered the cheating allegations story of two young engineers, now suspended on full pay, while British Rail investigates the claims.

At the station meeting, two ASLEF local officials formally fulfilled a pledge they gave in court Sunday — when News International sought a high court injunction to stop the boycott — and asked the 300 assembled rail workers to stop the boycott. The employees then voted to reject the request.

"We sensed when we arrived at this meeting the mood of the men was very angry," ASLEF King's Cross branch secretary Steve Forey said after the vote. Forey and another official named in the injunction said they personally were legally bound to stop taking part in the boycott.

Alan Britten, News International's director of corporate relations, said: "We shall be going back to the courts. If that means we have to seek injunctions against other men, it would be regrettable, but it is something we are prepared to do." Britten said the newspapers were being distributed by road and air transport. "We have not lost any copies because of this," he told the Associated Press.

The ASLEF executive was expected to vote Tuesday to halt the railroad again this Wednesday and Thursday and on Sunday, following the pattern of the past two weeks. Financially strapped British Rail has said it may lay off 70,000 other employees on Sundays if the strikes — costing more than \$24 million a week — continue.

## Japan refutes Filipino charge

TOKYO, Jan. 26 (AFP) — Japanese Transport Minister Tokusaburo Kosaka said Tuesday the chemical tanker *Hegg*, strafed by Philippine Air Force planes off Mindanao on Jan. 15, had committed no criminal act. Kosaka told reporters after a cabinet meeting on the affair that the questioning of the 5,307-ton tanker's crew showed the ship was not carrying arms and ammunition as suspected by Philippine authorities.

Some crew members seemed to have vaguely perceived a Philippine warning to stop before the ship was strafed but the warning could not be confirmed, he said. The transport minister also said the inquiry had established that Kitanibon Oil Steamship Co., operator of the ship, did not instruct the crewmen to make false statements over the incident to the advantage of the company.

## Amin aide sentenced to death for murder

KAMPALA, Jan. 26 (AFP) — The former military governor of Kampala under Ugandan president Idi Amin, Maj. Abdullah Nasur, was Tuesday sentenced to death by the Ugandan high court for the murder of the mayor of the southern town of Masaka, Francis Walugembe, in September 1972.

Uganda's Chief Justice George Masika, who has been presiding over the two-and-a-half-month trial, said he was satisfied with the eye witness evidence of the mayor's son, who had testified that he saw his father being stabbed twice by Nasur.

## Soviet official visits Peking

PEKING, Jan. 26 (AP) — Sergei Tokhinsky, deputy chairman of the Soviet-China Friendship Association, is visiting Peking on what Soviet sources said Monday was an unofficial visit.

Tikhinsky, a specialist in Chinese affairs, came at the invitation of the Soviet ambassador here but also has met with Chinese academics and Wang Bingnan, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries, the sources said. He also has been doing research in the Peking library, said the sources, who declined to be identified.

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## With attempt to kill heiress mother

# Newport prince charges stepfather in court

NEWPORT, Rhode Island, Jan. 26 (R) — A student prince told a court he suspected his stepfather tried to kill his heiress mother with insulin injections and found a black bag containing a hypodermic needle stuffed in a wardrobe.

Prince Alex von Auersperg described in court Monday how his suspicions led to a probe that ought to get a 40-year jail sentence for his stepfather, socialite Claus von Bulow. Von Bulow stared across the courtroom at the 22-year-old curly-haired prince, whom he once called "one of my own," as he explained how he and his sister, Princess Ana, 23, tried to find out why their mother suddenly slipped into a coma 14 months ago.

Von Bulow is alleged by the prosecution to have been eager to get his hands on a fortune of up to \$50 million and to be free to live with a woman 20 years his junior. He is accused of trying to murder his wife Martha by twice injecting her with insulin. The prince is the prosecution's star witness. But he was called to give evidence by the defense to describe how he and a private detective took from Von Bulow's wardrobe a black bag containing an insulin-tinted hypodermic needle.

The prosecution based its case on the needle and the defense wants it suppressed from the trial because it was obtained with-



Claus von Bulow

out a search warrant. The case, already in its third week without a word of evidence put to the jury, has rocked this aristocratic summer colony. The trial is due to last two months.

In the jury's absence Monday, defense lawyer Herald Fahringer called Alex, private detective Eddie Lambert and Richard Kuh, a former New York district attorney hired as an investigator by Mrs. Von

Bulow's children by her first marriage to an Austrian prince.

Fahringer accused Kuh of being "up to his ears" in what should have been a police inquiry and of having financial incentive to find evidence against Von Bulow, a 55-year-old former aide of oil magnate J. Paul Getty. Kuh said he had Von Bulow followed by private detectives after Alex and Ana, spurred on by Mrs. Von Bulow's devoted maid, Maria, came to him with their suspicions.

The detectives photographed Von Bulow and his mistress, Alexandria Isles, 35, leaving New York for a Bahamas holiday two months after his wife went into a coma. Kuh also told of the suspicions of Alex and Ana that their stepfather made a third attempt to kill their mother. He said a broken crystal handle of a walking stick was found in a drawer after Mrs. Von Bulow, 49, was taken to hospital with a drug overdose and an unexplained wound two weeks before her second coma. But nothing could be proved.

Von Bulow is alleged to have known that insulin was poison to his wife, who had low blood sugar. But he says she brought disaster upon herself by heavy drinking and eating of many sweets, which would cause her body to produce insulin.

## Death toll half normal

# Fewer quakes felt in '81

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP) — The number of major earthquakes around the world was down sharply last year with a death toll about half normal, the U.S. Geological Survey reported Monday.

Survey officials said there were 50 significant quakes recorded worldwide last year, down from 71 the year before. And the worldwide death toll was 5,239, down from 7,139 in 1980 and well below the long-term average of 10,000 a year.

A significant quake is defined as one that registers 6.5 or more on the Richter Scale, or a smaller quake that causes casualties or considerable damage. The Richter Scale is a gauge of the energy released in a quake as measured by the ground motion recorded by a seismograph. Every increase of one whole number — say from 5.5 to 6.5 — means an increase of 10 times in ground motion.

Quakes measuring "2" are the smallest normally felt by people, while a "6" can cause significant damage and an "8" is termed a "great" quake. The San Francisco quake of

1906 has been estimated at 8.3 on this scale. Survey geophysicist Waverly Person said last year's strongest tremor measured 7.9. It occurred Sept. 1 in the Samoan Islands but caused no deaths or injuries.

The deadliest quake of the year took at least 3,000 lives on June 11 in southern Iran. It measured 6.7 on the Richter Scale. In the same area on July 28 a quake measured at 7.1 killed another 1,500 persons, the survey said.

The United States had only two significant quakes in 1981 and no fatalities. The strongest quake to hit the United States occurred Jan. 30 in the Aleutian Islands and measured 7.0. On April 26 a tremor measuring 6.0 struck along the California-Mexico border, doing considerable damage.

Person said there was a total of 371 earthquakes in the United States last year that were by people, up slightly from 356 a year earlier. Hawaii, with 131 of these quakes, edged out California for the most. California reported 128 felt quakes.

## BRIEFS

SAN SALVADOR (AP) — Bombs planted by leftist forces knocked out electrical power in the capitals of four eastern provinces, and authorities said at least 13 persons died in the 24 hours of political violence ended at dawn Monday. Police in the capital of San Vicente province, 45 kms east of here, said bombs damaged electric power installations Sunday night and left the city and most of the surrounding countryside in the dark.

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Rafael Salas of the Philippines was named Monday secretary-general of an international conference on population that the United Nations will hold in the fall of 1984 at a site yet to be chosen. An announcement said that the U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru had appointed Salas secretary-general of the conference and Leon Tabah of France as its deputy secretary-general.

SAN DIEGO (R) — Three sailors were killed Monday when a gas line ruptured aboard an American nuclear-powered guided-missile cruiser in San Diego Harbor, a naval spokesman said Tuesday. Seven seamen were taken to hospital for observation. The three sailors died when they entered an air-conditioning compartment aboard the

cruiser *Bainbridge* and were overcome by fumes from the ruptured gas line, the spokesman said.

SEOUL, (AFP) — The Dominican Republic's foreign minister, Manuel Enrique Tavares Espallat, will arrive in Seoul next Tuesday for a four-day official visit, the South Korean Foreign Ministry announced Tuesday.

WELLINGTON, (R) — The New Zealand government Tuesday accepted the resignation of high court judge Peter Mahon, 58, who was criticized by the court of appeal for parts of his report on the 1979 Antarctica air crash which killed all 257 persons on board.

MOSCOW, (AFP) — *Pravda*, the Soviet Communist Party newspaper, Tuesday condemned what it said was increased military cooperation between China and Japan, saying it "threatened to destabilize the Far East." The newspaper added that China "wishes to use the Japanese economic potential to modernize its war machine" and that Chinese leaders particularly wanted to "pull Japanese military circles into the wake of their hegemonistic policy, on the basis of anti-Sovietism."

# Drug battle claims 7 in Thailand

BANGKOK, Jan. 26 (AP) — Two policemen and five civilians were killed and seven others were wounded in northern Thailand Tuesday in an attack Thai authorities believe was staged by opium warlord Khun Saalis Chang Chee-Fu as revenge for a major assault on his stronghold.

Government spokesman Trirong Suwankhiri said a police kiosk and four vehicles were also burned to the ground in the attack in the town of Mae Sai. Another group of armed men tried to burn down a shopping center in the town but the owner was able to extinguish the blaze. Mae Sai is located in Chiang Rai province, about 40 kms from the scene of a six-day battle between Thai forces and the rebel army of one of the largest opium traffickers of the "golden triangle."

Border patrol police sources said policemen and regular troops have been sent to two districts — Mae Chan and Mae Sai — of Chiang Rai province to counter any moves by Khun Sa's men. Triping quoted Prime Minister Prem Tinsulanonda as saying the drive against Khun Sa would continue until the trafficker was ousted from Thai territory and "until I am satisfied with the results of the suppression."

The sources said the attacks in Mae Sai were actions taken by Khun Sa's Shan United Army which was driven from its stronghold of Baan Hin Taek by Thai border patrol policemen and air strikes. Baan Hin Taek is located in the heart of the "golden triangle" where the boundaries of northern Thailand, Burma and Laos converge.

The triangle is one of the world's major opium producing areas. Heroin is refined from the opium and smuggled to Western Europe, the United States and Asian points. Border Police headquarters in Bangkok said skirmishing continued Tuesday between the Thais and Khun Sa's men and that more use of firepower was being planned to dislodge Shan United Army resistance.

The headquarters said a force of policemen and regular army troops Monday moved 10 kms north of Ban Hin Saek into another village where some of Khun Sa's men were believed to be operating. Air strikes were also called Monday against suspected Shan United Army positions. The rebel army claims to be fighting for autonomy for the Shan ethnic group from the central government of Burma. But Thai and Western narcotics officials say its prime function is to traffic in opium. Khun Sa is believed to be the kingpin in the illicit trade. His armed force is said to number between 2,510 and 4,000 men and is well supplied with weapons and ammunition.

Although a warrant for his arrest had been issued by the Thais in 1980, he was still more or less free to enter his stronghold, located near the Thai-Burmese border. Reporters on the scene said Baan Hin Taek was almost deserted. Many of the off-story houses were destroyed in the fighting and decomposed bodies of the slain still lay in the streets.



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## Kaddoumi, Abu Jihad, Abu Walid, Labadi speak out on Palestine issue

### 'Palestinians are victims of Israeli aggression and U.S. weapons'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Arab News reporter Grace Halsell recently spent two weeks in Lebanon, where she interviewed top leaders of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Her exclusive interview with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat appeared in Arab News on Jan. 19.

Following is the text of her interviews with four PLO leaders: Abu Jihad and Abu Walid, considered No. 2 and No. 3 men to Arafat; Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's Political Department; and Mahmoud Labadi, the PLO's spokesman in Beirut.)

By Grace Halsell  
Washington Bureau

#### ABU JIHAD AND ABU WALID

Q. What is the main goal of the Palestinian people?  
Abu Jihad: We as Palestinian people are looking for the day when we can have our flag, when we can have our passports and return to our land. Why, as Palestinians, are we suffering so much? You have the right as human beings to go everywhere in the world. But why am I, as a Palestinian, prevented from doing so? I have only a document, as a Palestinian refugee. Everywhere in the world I am suspected and blacklisted. Therefore, I am fighting and every Palestinian is fighting. Our people are struggling to have the right to our freedom, our independence, and to return to our country.

Q. What kind of Palestinian state does the PLO have in mind? Would you be happy with a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza with Jerusalem as its capital, or do you want more than that?  
Abu Jihad: First of all, we are looking for our independence. And if you examine our National Council documents, you see that the Palestinians will agree on establishing an independent Palestinian state on any part of Palestine from which the Israeli occupational forces will withdraw. This was clearly declared.

The Israelis declare that the PLO charter indicates that the PLO aims to destroy Israel completely. Actually this does not exist in the charter. If you remember in 1969 we in Fateh organization, suggested as a fair solution for Jews, Muslims and Christians, a democratic state in which all the people will live on equal footing. But this was rejected. Then we initiated in about 1973 the idea of an independent state. This is the way we are looking for the future. Like other people of the world, we like to live in peace. We like to have our human rights. We are not fighting the Israelis just for the sake of fighting. We are not fond of fighting. We are fighting because we don't live like other human beings. We are trying very hard to find a place in our country, just to live.

Abu Jihad: The Israeli propagandists are always saying, "Oh if the Palestinians have their state, they will be a base for the Communists. They will provide a rocket base against the Israelis." This is false. Why? Israel is threatening the 20 Arab countries. It is stronger than most countries in NATO. This biggest military machine in the Middle East will be afraid of those small in number, weakly Palestinians? They are afraid of that? Their "insecurity" is only Israeli propaganda. They keep saying the Palestinians will have a communist party. If we look for Communists, we will find more Communists in the United States than in Palestine. In the Palestine National Council, you will find no more than two or three, and we are declaring always that Jerusalem and the land around Jerusalem will not be Communist at all. It is the land of the prophets. We have here in Lebanon about 400,000 Palestinians, in refugee camps. And when the Palestinians began their armed struggle in 1965, we waited for the world conscience to give us a chance, to help us, to return to our home. But no answer. And always in the world court we had support. In decision after decision, but in fact no step was taken regarding the land and no Palestinian returned to his country. The tragedy became complete in 1967 when all of the land of the Palestinians was occupied, as were other Arab territories in the Golan and Sinai.

Q. How many Palestinians were forced to leave since 1967?  
Abu Jihad: Thirty thousand Palestinians have been forced to leave. For example, suppose you are a Palestinian teacher in Ramallah or Jerusalem, you can earn no more than \$120 (40 dinars) a month. Then you think about the cost of food and the taxes. The cost of living jumps year by year. Last year inflation was at 128 percent. If this teacher goes to Amman, he can earn no less than 140 to 160 dinars. The Israeli authorities do not treat Palestinian teachers like they treat Israeli teachers.

Q. Where are your Palestinian leaders being educated?  
Abu Jihad: We have Bir Zeit and Bethlehem and universities in Nabulus and Gaza. Before Camp David, Egypt was taking 3,500 students every year. Last year they took only about 65. The Palestinian students are scattered in every way. They are knocking on every door to have the chance to join any university.

Q. The Zionist side is very well known in America. What is the PLO doing to tell their side of the struggle in America?  
Abu Jihad: We are trying very hard in this direction. As you know, the Zionists gained their independence in America sometime ago. And they have communities all over the United States. We are trying to organize our people in the United States. We have made a congress for the Palestinian people in the United States. We can call it another field of struggle. We are paying very much attention to this side especially in the United States. But we must confess that the Zionists are very well ahead of us. We are facing difficulties with the American administration, even for our officials to get to the United States. You may have heard about the difficulties one of our officials, Dr. Issam Sartawi, had, trying to get to Washington. He was faced with an accusation that he entered the United States in a wrong way. The administration raises many roadblocks for the Palestinians to enter the United States. And maybe this is one of the reasons why our communication is rather slow. We try very hard to communicate as much as we can.

Q. Do you have a Beirut press office that puts out statements immediately after attacks by Israelis?  
Abu Jihad: Yes. We immediately brief every American news agency. We always take TV and newspaper correspondents to the area of the attack. But we know if they publish the news, the coverage will be poor even if hundreds of Palestinian and Lebanese women and children are killed or wounded in Israeli attacks. But when an Israeli woman or child is wounded or killed, the press media will give it prominence.

Q. Can you tell us if you see any progress in countries receiving the message and hearing what you are saying?  
Abu Jihad: We believe our cry has been heard everywhere in the world. The circle of those who are listening is growing wider and wider in the United States. The same conscience that rejected and condemned the American aggression in Vietnam is increasingly speaking out for the Palestinians. And in Europe there is a wide movement for Palestinian support. In Latin America, Asia, Africa — we are well received there. In the United Nations no less than 115 countries are supporting our rights. In every conference, the first and strongest resolution is in support of the Palestinian people. We believe that day by day we are

increasing world support. And we believe this will have its effect mainly in America.

#### FAROUK KADDOUMI

Q. It was reported that Libya would recognize Israel in return for occupied lands. Do you have any information on this?

Kaddoumi: The Arabs have become more flexible in these areas, but we recognize that the Israelis are becoming more hardliners. We are not going to be deceived again. If you go to a supermarket for a piece of cheese, you pay and then you get the cheese. When I get something in hand, there might be space for dialogue. But I am sure that the Israelis are not willing to have peace. It is their planning to annex more lands, as they did in '48, '49, '56 (with other European countries) and in '67, '73 and when they occupied the South of Lebanon.

Q. Do you see the Saudi Arabian peace plan as an acceptable basis to begin talks?

Kaddoumi: It is clear that we went to the summit conference to discuss details of the Saudi Arabian plan. In politics there are no hypotheses; if you want to sign any agreement or reach any compromise. Well, first of all, you have to be sure of the other party. What was the response of the other party? How could I say yes or no? Then there were the Europeans and the United States.

Q. Are you saying you could only accept the Saudi Arabian plan if the Israelis accept it?

Kaddoumi: I am not going to talk about the "ifs". The answer was that the Israelis did not accept it.

Q. What is your opinion of the Kissinger decision that the United States should not deal with the PLO?

Kaddoumi: Kissinger, the very well known Zionist said at Ben Gurion University: "Well, they accuse me that I have created the obstacles in the face of the Palestinians and Americans not to have dialogue, because of the Sinai protocols. But I say now, the instability element in the area is the PLO. And what is wrong if I said the Palestinians should recognize Resolution 242 before there can be a dialogue?" Then he said, "And even if they had recognized 242, we should not have a dialogue with the Palestinians because for 20 years the main cause of trouble in this area is the PLO and the Palestinian people." So this is the American administration policy. Moreover they have given the green light to the Israelis to attack Beirut. Hundreds of civilians were killed, for no reason.

Iraq was involved in a war with Iran. But the Israelis bombed Iraq. Because the Soviet Union is supporting Syria. Begin refrained from attacking Syria and the Syrian missiles. The Soviet Union had said, "If you attack Syria, we have this agreement with Syria, and we will give you (the Israelis) a lesson."

Q. Are you saying that the Soviet agreement with Syria is preventing an Israeli attack on Syria?

Kaddoumi: It is one of the main causes preventing this. Because the Israelis, before the Soviet-Syrian agreement, were planning to attack Damascus.

Q. And if the Israelis did attack Syria, would you expect the Soviet Union to come into the war?

Kaddoumi: One hundred percent.

Q. And if the Soviet Union comes in, do you expect the United States to enter, also?

Kaddoumi: Who is the aggressor? You should know. This does not mean that the Soviets would bring their soldiers in. They would support the Arabs in their war against the aggressor.

Q. Are you saying that the Soviet Union would jeopardize its world interests in order to support Syria?

Kaddoumi: Why do you want to see the Soviet Union jeopardizing its world interests when you are jeopardizing your own interests as an American administration, when you have this aggression against the Arabs. I think in Vietnam the Soviets did not jeopardize their interests. They were supporting the Vietnamese. But if the Americans are ready for another Vietnam war, we welcome this. Because we will get the support of all the peoples of the world. They can support us with arms and money. We might bring volunteers from different countries, to fight with us, in case of aggression. We are being offended, and they are threatening, and they are occupying our territories. We are not aggressors, we are defending ourselves in order to survive.

In saying that the Soviets will help Syria, in case of aggression, I am not talking about the agreement. I am talking about the promise given: in case of aggression, they will give support. And I think the United States was told about it.

Q. Will the PLO seek a similar statement from the Russians for support in case of aggression?

Kaddoumi: They have denounced the Israeli aggression, or expected aggression, as they did in Beirut also.

Q. Why should the Russians make the statement for Syria and not make the same statement for the PLO?

Kaddoumi: I did not speak about the PLO. I spoke about the Syrians. There is a cooperation and security agreement between them. Therefore, if the Israelis encroach upon the Syrian interests within Syria — not in Lebanon — well, they have to support them in facing the aggression.

Q. Could they extend the same to you?

Kaddoumi: No, we are different.

Q. Why?

Kaddoumi: Will you please ask them? Unfortunately, they don't. We have been fighting the Zionist aggression since the earliest days and we are still fighting. They might support us materially, giving us some political support, but they won't fight with us. But we have not only the Soviet Union; we have other friends, also.

Q. On another matter, do you have any information on how Zaid Abu Ein (a Palestinian student, living in Chicago, extradited by the United States government, to Israel) is being treated?

Kaddoumi: I think that Zaid Abu Ein is being tortured and isolated in a cell. His lawyer, Felicia Langer, has said that he is being tortured psychologically and physically in the Israeli prison. It is an inhuman treatment.

Q. Do you know if anyone from the United States government or the U.N. will monitor his trial?

Kaddoumi: If the United States wanted Abu Ein not to be tortured they would have kept him there, in Chicago.

The United States denounced the annexation of the Golan but it refused to accept U.N. sanctions against Israel. So these are the U.S. maneuvers. We don't trust the U.S. administration. My people see the Phantoms, the F-15s, coming from the States, attacking our people. The planes that go every day to Lebanon are American planes. The present administration started its hostile attitude toward the Palestinian people with Richard Allen saying, "The Israelis have the right for 'hot pursuit' against the Palestinians in the south of Lebanon."

They openly declared their policy against the Palestinians. Who gave the Israelis the green light to attack Egypt and Syria and Jordan in 1967? It was (President Lyndon) Johnson. It is the United States that provides arms, ammunition, political and moral support to the Israelis. Even when they were almost to be defeated in 1973, the counsel to the British Embassy said to Golda Meir, when he saw the planes coming from the West to the East, "Madame president, it is not your battle. It is the United States' battle."

Q. In the 1973 war, it is said that the continued defeat by the Egyptians of the Israelis would have forced the Israelis to use the A-bomb. So the United States, to prevent them using it, was compelled to come in and help them?

Kaddoumi: Do you think that is a credit to the United States? It is a discredit to the United States. The United States provides Israel with highly technical techniques, in order to have an atomic bomb. You know if they use their atomic bomb, I think others might have atomic bombs.

Why didn't the United States use it in Vietnam? It is not so easy. And these atomic bombs, you need spacious areas in order to use them. The Israelis could be affected themselves. This is not the problem. Yet it is the same way (Secretary of State) Haig is talking to us. Haig is telling us, "You know that we prevented the Israelis from attacking Damascus?" And he is proud of that. "Do you know the Israelis have become independent, they don't need our help, they have sufficient reserves of these armaments, arms, and we signed this strategic alliance in order to contain them, in order to prevent them..." You see this is the United States. We know the administration stands against the aspirations of the Palestinian people. Yet we differentiate between the people of America and the administration. And we welcome you at any time. We are ready to argue with you. If you don't agree with us, it does not mean you become enemies to us, no.

MAHMOUD LABADI

Q. What is it that the Zionists use to lobby the U.S. government?

Labadi: Pressure. They have leverage. They can influence the government. They are influencing the White House, The State Department, Congress, the Senate. They are very strong in the mass media.

Q. Was this recent rhetoric (regarding the Golan) an example of their influence?

Labadi: Yes, it was a good example. How could somebody believe that the United States of America, one of the two superpowers of the world, could retreat in the face of a small nation of three million? How could you explain to me, as a Palestinian, an Arab? Why is that? There must be a reason. So what is the reason? It is not logical.

Q. Some see a parallel between what the Israelis have done to the Palestinians and what the Americans did to the native Indian tribes. And for the Americans to say Israel must give back the land to the Palestinians then it might follow the Americans need to give back the land to the native American Indians.

Labadi: I don't accept that argument comparing American Indians with Palestinians. The native Americans are not asking you Americans to leave the country. They are asking to live freely on their reservations. I don't want now to defend the American Indians, although I sympathize with them, because I sympathize with all the weak and all the oppressed peoples in the world, because I am a human being and I am oppressed and I feel with them. But the Israelis are not thinking that way. The Israelis are taking more and more land every day, and they are kicking out Palestinians every day... We are the victims of the Israeli aggression and we are also the victims of the Americans, and American weapons. Regardless of whether you feel guilty toward the Indians, it does not release you from the fact that you should be with the justice, whether in your country or in the Middle East — because it is American money and American weapons that today are killing my people.

Q. Could you tell us something about your dealings with the U.S. media?

Labadi: I think the media in the United States is biased. We have many requests from the United States, but very few tell the truth. And if the individual correspondent or reporter wants to tell the truth, the desk in New York stops them. It distorts their writings, or cancels the whole story. I know many examples. And I have many friends among American journalists who come to complain to me, "Mahmoud, I'm sorry. I tried my best." Or they get a quarrel with the desk in Washington or New York because they refused or distorted the story. Or they changed this and that. I think that is a general experience of all the American journalists who have worked in the Middle East. Every American journalist who worked in the Middle East can tell you a story about censorship in America.

Q. For example, how was the bombing in Beirut, which left many civilians killed and wounded, covered?

Labadi: I'm telling you frankly, the American press covered the Israeli attack on Beirut, on July 17 and for the first time gave it a very good coverage. We were happy with it. I am not only criticizing, I'm telling you frankly it was good coverage. Also I think there is a slight change in America, within the public opinion. A slight change, it's not that big, it's not that decisive, but it is also growing.

Q. When the U.S. government took the decision of suspending the strategic cooperation treaty, more Americans thought about it. The Israeli action forced more Americans to think about it, and they said, "What's that? Begin is talking to us, a big nation?" It brings many people really to think. And to change their position. I think Begin helps us. He is a very good propaganda man, or public relations man for the Palestinian cause.

Q. What are you asking of Israel? 30, 40 years ago the request was that immigration be stopped, that there be no partition. Now, 30 years after all that?

Labadi: We still ask the same. I think immigration should be one of the preconditions to peace and justice in the Middle East.

Q. Are you asking that some of the present ones there now leave?

Labadi: No, everybody is welcome. I think others should be stopped... We don't have a problem of importing settlers. But for us Palestinians, we are not a big nation. We are only four million, and in case of a peace situation, I don't think that all the Palestinians would return to Palestine. But we have to ask the Israelis to stop their immigration policy because immigration means expansionism. And nobody likes expansionism, not even individuals. You don't like your neighbor to expand, to take your property. In the long run, when the Israelis really want to live in peace in the region, this issue of immigration must be settled.

Q. How many ambassador-level recognitions does the PLO have at this point?

Labadi: We have different levels of recognition. Of course all the Arab countries recognize us fully, with full diplomatic status. Socialist countries now, all of them are on the way to recognize us fully with diplomatic status. We have some African countries and some Asian countries, which recognize us fully, with full diplomatic status. We have some Europeans. The PLO has offices around the world — about 85 offices in about 82 or 83 countries, and those offices around the world have different status. Starting from the status of office of information in Washington — which has no political status whatsoever to the full diplomatic recognition of, for example, Greece, Austria and the Soviet Union.

In Belgium, France, Italy, so on, we have offices, for information and liaison. They have contacts with the government, with the foreign ministry, but they don't have full recognition. So they are not allowed to raise the flag on the car or have free immunity. They cannot go to the free shop to buy. This all belongs to diplomats. The Arab League also recognizes Palestine as a full state, so you add that, as a recognition. We are also members of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the league of non-aligned countries. We are observers in the Organization of African Unity, so that the PLO really has a worldwide net.

Q. How do you support all of this? What kind of financial backing do you have? Do you tax your people?

Labadi: Partly, yes. People who work in the Gulf states have to pay out of their salaries. So we get some donations. And some money allocated to us from the Arab League, through the oil countries.

Q. Do you have a strategy for working with Israeli Jews who have some developing sensitivities for the repression? Are they beginning to be a minority voice at all?

Labadi: Yes, they are. We keep pushing them all the time, reminding them. We are pushing them to open their eyes and their hearts to the truth. I think it is a growing tendency in Israel that some of the Jews are really trying to understand the situation a little bit more, because actually they are fed up with the Israeli policy of Begin. There are even some deserters in the army. There is even an Israeli general who refuses to serve on the West Bank. Of course, there is the Peace Now movement and youth movements, and individuals such as Israeli Shabbat. So there is a tendency. Of course those are extra-parliamentary organizations or groupings. They are not decision-making. They are not in the center of power. Now they are making. But in the future they could play a role. Still, it is very slow. It is even slower than in the United States.

Q. Is it so slow because the holocaust is still fresh in the minds of many Zionists? And their insecurity? When I talk with Jews in America, they speak of this.

Labadi: Do the six million Jews of America have security? I think they do. They are not threatened by a holocaust.

Q. But they claim they would not feel secure if there were no Israel.

Labadi: It lies if they tell you that. It's strange they have someone who believes them. The Israelis always like to tell you about security. They do not want to withdraw, because of security. They want to build settlements, because of security. They don't want to recognize the Palestinian state, because of security. They annex Jerusalem, because of security. They also annex the Golan Heights, because of security. Whatever they do, it is for their own security. But what about the security of the others? Nobody cares about them. The Israelis find excuses and the Americans accept them. I don't think because you have a son you should allow him to hit you every morning and you say, "Oh, it's all right because I like it." Or, "Oh, he gave me a shock!"

No, this cannot work forever. I can say of an individual, "Oh, he was thinking to kill me in ten years so I have a right, I will kill him." The Israelis will kill the Palestinians because they will think the Palestinians in 50 years will be a grown-up nation. And they bombard the Iraqi reactor because this reactor will threaten their security in 20 years. This is the Israeli-Zionist logic. Unfortunately, this logic is imposed upon America. How could somebody accept such a logic?

Let Americans — for their security — bomb Moscow and see what will happen. If there is an arrogance like this, the Russians can directly answer you. The Arabs cannot answer, so that is why the Israelis behave that way. If the Israelis were sure that the Iraqis would respond or react to such an act of arrogance they would never think of doing it. But because they think their neighbors are weak, they behave so arrogantly. This is their way of thinking. It is the Fascist-Hitler way of thinking. The Nazis thought that way. And those Zionists in Israel are even worse than the Nazis.

Q. Perhaps the so-called insecurity of American Jews is just a misrepresentation of stubborn hostility?

Labadi: Do you feel insecure in America, from the Russians?

Q. No, I don't feel insecure.

Labadi: But they have long-range weapons. They easily can hit Washington or San Francisco.

Q. Still the Israelis claim they are insecure!

Labadi: We are sitting together, talking and both of us feel secure, because we did not hit each other. We do not have bad intentions. The Israelis have bad consciences because they have taken the land and that is why they feel insecure. Now if they want to settle that, they have to come and talk to us and say, "You Palestinians, I have hit you, I have taken your land, so take the kitchen and live in it — and shut up." Then, at least, the Palestinians could be a little happier about it. If they keep oppressing the Palestinians, how could they imagine the Palestinians would love them! If they want to feel secure, let them talk to their victims. And arrange the problem with them. If they do not want to arrange it, I must say, "All right, I will stay in the desert for a while, and when you are finished, I will come back to my land."

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 27th, the 27th day of 1982. There are 338 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1606 — Trial of Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators opens in England.

1695 — Mustafa II succeeds as Sultan of Turkey on death of Ahmad II.

1822 — Greek independence is formally proclaimed.

1914 — Haiti's President Oreste abdicates during revolt and U.S. Marines land to preserve order.

1943 — U.S. bombers stage first all-U.S. air raid on Germany in World War II — a daylight attack on Wilhelmshaven; Germany begins civil conscription of women.

1944 — Soviet city of Leningrad is completely liberated from Nazis in World War II.

1947 — Regional advisory commission for the Pacific is established.

1950 — The United States agrees to provide arms to NATO members.

1964 — France establishes diplomatic relations with China.

1967 — Three Apollo astronauts — Virgil Grisson, Edward White and Roger Chaffee — perish in flash fire aboard space capsule; the United States, Soviet Union and 60 other nations sign treaty to limit military activities in outer space.



# Crocodile-crowded Pakistan oasis overlooked by old green-domed tomb

By A. B. Rajput

KARACHI — Unlike the story of a controversial monster of the Loch Ness, or a stray alligator seen in a river or a lake, this is an account of some six full-blooded crocodiles with half-a-dozen young ones, making a happy family in a small, semi-lunar pond — 107 feet long by 73 feet wide at the one end, and tapering off to just 38 feet at the other. The pond is located about 18 km to the north of the present city of Karachi in Pakistan.

The pond forms the nucleus of an oasis, studded with date-palms and lush foliage amidst the desert waste of Sind, while a green-domed tomb is perched high on a hill-ock nearby.

Archeologists, however, have discovered the remains of a pre-historic settlement on the eastern foot of this hillock, with chert-flakes, shell fragments and potsherds scattered all over the surface.

No one knows from where and when the crocodiles found this strange breeding spot, because nowhere else in the area around has any one seen such creatures. The nearby

tomb is also a mystery, appearing to be a fairly modern structure, but according to a local tradition, Mongho Pir originally known as Sakhi Sultan, lived here about 700 years ago, and a crocodile was tamed by him in the muddy pool nearby.

There may be some exaggeration in this account, but the fact remains that some of the crocodiles existing in the pond today are considered to be more than 200 years old.

Since these crocodiles belong to a species not found anywhere in Pakistan, they are a subject of special interest for zoologists. On an average a full-grown crocodile in this pond is 9 feet long and 2 feet wide whereas baby crocodiles vary in length from 9 inches to 2 feet, according to their age. Probably their growth has been stunted because of the limited space of the pond and insufficient water for free movement. With such a large number, they look like sardines packed in a small can.

There are many stories about these crocodiles attacking and devouring small children in the past, but as attendant beside the pond said the creatures are quite tame and would not attack anyone if he (attendant)

was there. Usually a visitor has to take along with him some raw meat to feed the crocodiles, as soon as he jumps over the protective boundary wall into the pond, the creatures start wriggling out of the water on to the bank and scramble forward on the sand. The attendant gives a few sharp raps with his stick on the snouts of these creatures who begin to wag their tails and slam their jaws with loud and hard resonance. One can see the two sets of teeth, long and sharp, embedded in their jaws, designed to interlock closely after getting a morsel of meat.

When the visitor departs, some of the crocodiles lie together in a pile on the sand, while others float lazily on the water. Baby crocodiles get into the roots of the trees in and around the pond and have a nap in the cool shade.

Here is perhaps the only place in the world where crocodiles are so tame and docile that the proverbial crocodile tears are something unknown to them. Sir Richard Burton, who came as captain in the British Indian Army to Karachi in 1842, and later on became famous for translating the *Arabian Nights* into English while still in Karachi, has given an interesting account of the Mongho Pir crocodiles in his book *The Unhappy Valley*.

In those days there was no protection wall around the pond, with the result that the crocodiles were left unhampered and wandered around the area, attacking many a traveler in the night. It was then that a stone wall was constructed around the pond and the crocodiles were confined to it.

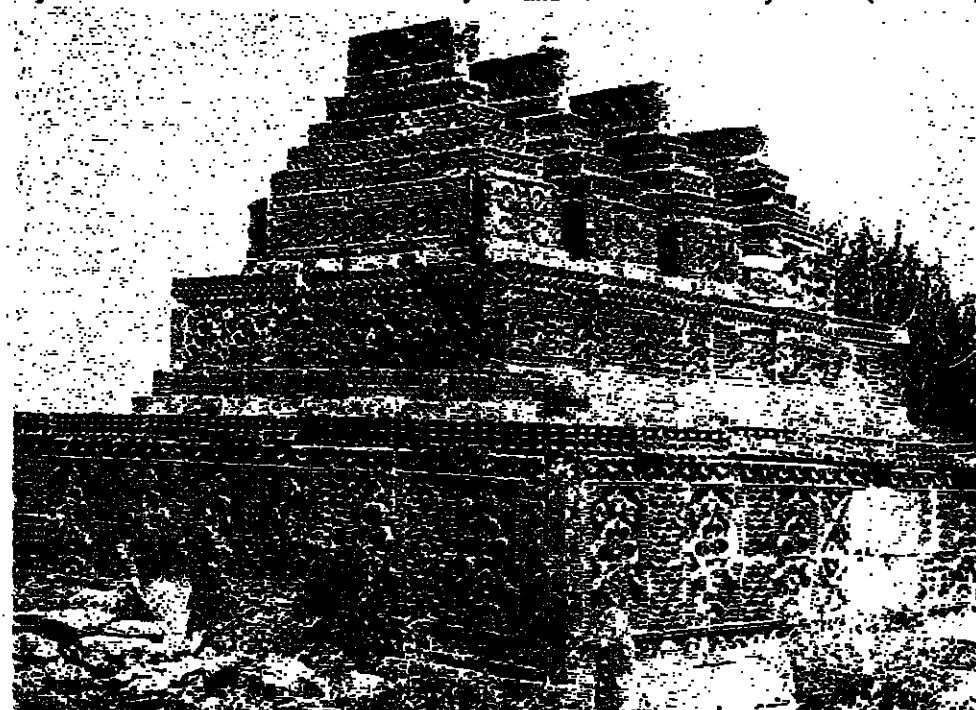
There are a number of hot sulphur springs around the tomb and the water is used for bathing. About a km away from the pond, there is a Lepers' Asylum and a Leper Hospital run under the supervision of German doctors by the Karachi Municipal Corporation. The place has obviously been selected because of the health-giving sulphur springs in its vicinity.

The tomb situated on the hillock is the highest point in the oasis which appears to have been turned into a graveyard during the last few centuries. Some of the graves on the prominence have elaborately carved superstructures of pale-yellow stone, usually met with in this part of the country, and dating as far back as the 16th Century.

The entire area, thus, offers a highly fascinating field for the archeologist, the historian and the lover of wild life, besides the tourist and general holiday-maker.



STROKING CROCODILES: Whenever a visitor approaches the bank of the crocodile pond the animals come up out of the water to receive a morsel of raw meat.



EXQUISITE CARVING: One of the many sandstone carved cenotaphs located in the graveyard near the crocodile pond.

## Germans argue for full-day schooling to provide a comprehensive education

BONN (INP) — For many parents, stress begins on the day their child starts school. Thousands of working parents every year are confronted with the problem of what to do with their children in the afternoons. "Single" mothers and fathers in particular, after sending their offspring to all-day nurseries, suddenly find themselves in a dilemma. Many a married, working mother has to give up her job. Whole-day schools — commonplace in France, Great Britain and Sweden — are still an exception in the Federal Republic of Germany. Although the demand is great, only three percent of all schoolchildren can attend a school of this kind.

There are 26,000 general education schools, 800 of them whole-day schools and, of those, 500 are special schools. The remainder are elementary schools, comprehensive schools and private schools. But the demand exceeds this small supply by far. Holger Lührig, chairman of the Society for Education

and Communication (GEK), said: "What would be desirable would be one whole-day school offered as an alternative in each school district."

The GEK, which represents the staff of whole-day schools, has called on federal and regional governments to launch a 10-year program to extend the facility of all-day schools.

This organization is backed by a "think tank" on education planning at the Federal Ministry for Education and Science. This panel of independent education experts has noted that "the demand for whole-day schools will continue to expand."

At present, there are almost 800,000 single mothers and fathers with 1.2 million children below the age of 18 years. Many of those children are left to their "own devices" in the afternoons. The situation is similar in families in which parents go out to work all day. But crowded homes in which children have diffi-

culty doing home lessons in the afternoons are a further argument in favor of more whole-day schools.

This would also be of assistance to the parents of retarded children and parents unable to help their children with homework owing to their own lack of education or because they are foreigners.

The experts say a further argument is that whole-day schools can also provide more comprehensive education. Today, conventional schools can do no more than to impart scholastic knowledge and skills, neglecting the arts, sport and handicrafts. Whole-day schools have wide scope for the promotion of creative inclinations in children.

Private schools such as the Peter Peterson School in Cologne, the Waldorf and Montessori Schools and, not least, a number of state comprehensive schools, have demonstrated how a whole-day school can stimulate a child's development.

## University prestige reaches a 'low ebb' Money, pulling right strings in India can obtain a seat in medical colleges

By Jagan Nath

NEW DELHI (DN) — If you want to be a doctor, come to India and do it without tears. Merit is no consideration for admission to a medical college. All you need is money — lots of it — and the right connections.

An unprecedented verification of answer books of candidates seeking admission to a medical college in the southern state of Kerala came as a rude shock to the Kerala High Court. The court took up the case on a petition from some of the rejected candidates.

High court judges found that one of the candidates selected for a course in a state medical college obtained zero marks in physics, chemistry and botany and two marks in zoology.

Acting Kerala Chief Justice P. Subramanian disclosed that another candidate had obtained 17 marks in physics, 18 in chemistry, 24 in botany and 26 in zoology, making a total of 85 out of 450 marks. Nevertheless, the total marks of the candidate was shown as 442 out of 450.

"We are speculating on how this has happened," says the Division Bench now hearing a batch of about 60 petitions challenging the admissions to the first year of the course.

Justice Subramanian says, "It is unfortunate that over the years, the universities in India had given room for corruption charges. The measure adopted to improve the system the provide safeguards had not inspired public confidence. As a result, the prestige of the universities has reached a low ebb."

Apart from Kerala, another state notorious for bungling in university admission in Karnataka — derisively named as the

nation's "shopping center" for medical and engineering education.

Some colleges in the country charge a handsome capitation fee from the students at the time of their admission. The menace is getting more firmly entrenched.

For instance, at the time for admission to medical and engineering colleges in July 1981, the colleges in Karnataka bargained for legalized capitation fee of \$4,000 for an engineering seat and up to \$20,000 for a seat in a medical college. In addition, there were "under the counter" charges from the students' parents.

The colleges and schools in many parts of the country openly demand a capitation fee, which they describe as a "donation" to give it a more civilized name.

Even for ordinary non-specialized courses, some private colleges are allegedly asking for "donations" varying from \$50 to \$80 a seat. Even public schools are not lagging behind.

An irate Prime Minister Indira Gandhi wrote to the chief ministers of states to end the practice once and for all. And the parents of brilliant but poor students heaved a sigh of relief. But Mrs. Gandhi's directive appears to have fallen on deaf ears.

Gundu Rao, Karnataka's chief minister, doesn't appear to toe Mrs. Gandhi's line. His logic: If there are no restrictions on the opening of colleges imparting general education, there is no reason why restrictions should be imposed on the opening of private medical and engineering schools.

Supporters of capitation fee say that anything obtained free (admission without spending anything) is never valued. Moreover, for foreign students who pay \$20,000 for a seat in the medical college it is

still cheaper than it would be in their own countries.

(In the Philippines, asking foreign medical students, and even Filipinos, for "donations" to medical schools has sparked a controversy. While many colleges deny the practice, some students have come forward with evidence that some medical colleges ask for monetary "donations" from aspiring medical students.)

However, critics of the system describe it as "high discriminatory," favoring those who have money and not merit. Worse still, it lowers the medical and engineering standards in the country.

What will be the fate of patients who go to a doctor who obtained his degree through the back door? The system is leading to commercialization of education, observers believe.

As Dr. K.N. Raj, head of the Universities Review Commission, remarks: "If such students carry strong commercial attitudes into the medical profession later, in their lives, they could hardly be blamed."

Of late, there has been a heavy demand for admission to medical colleges in the country. In some states, the rules for admission are very tough. Anybody scoring below 80 percent in the qualifying examinations stands little chance of landing a seat in the medical colleges.

A spokesman of the Education Ministry laments the fact that many medical and engineering colleges had been set up without the approval of the All-India Council of Medical Education and the All-India Council for Technical Education.

This, he said, has resulted in "low standards" and the running of colleges as a "commercial" proposition.

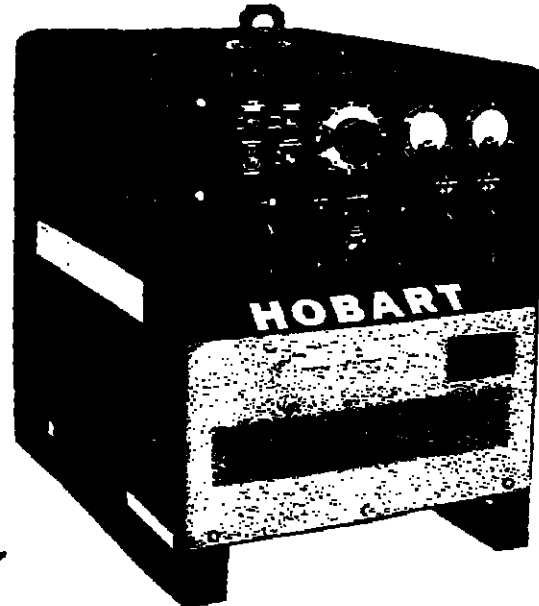
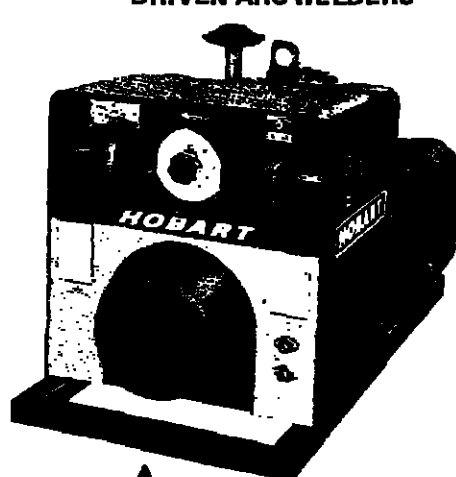
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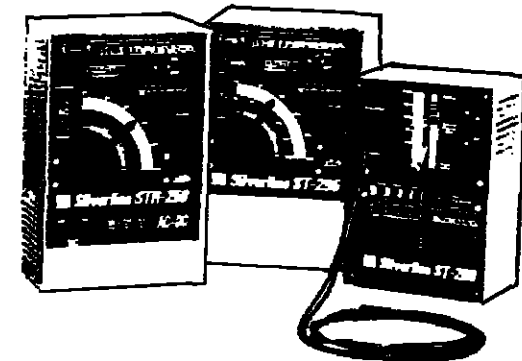
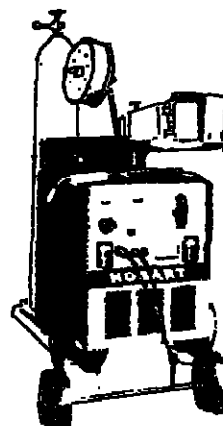
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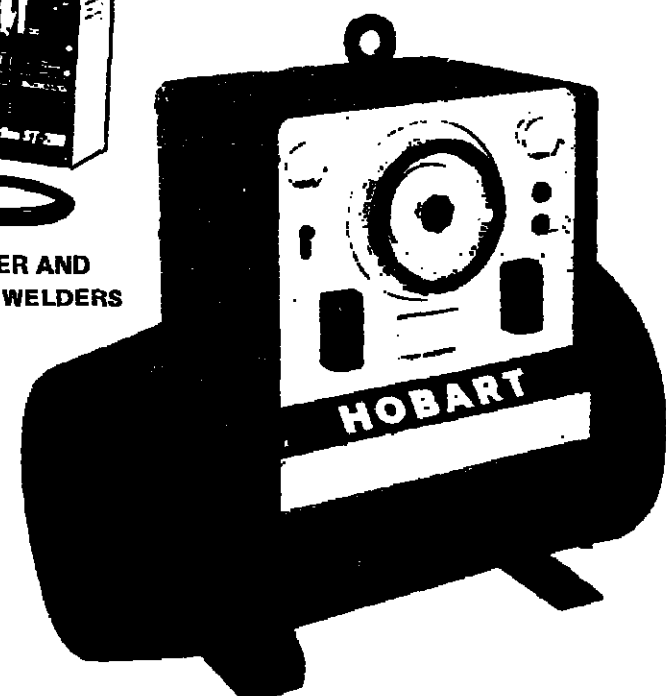
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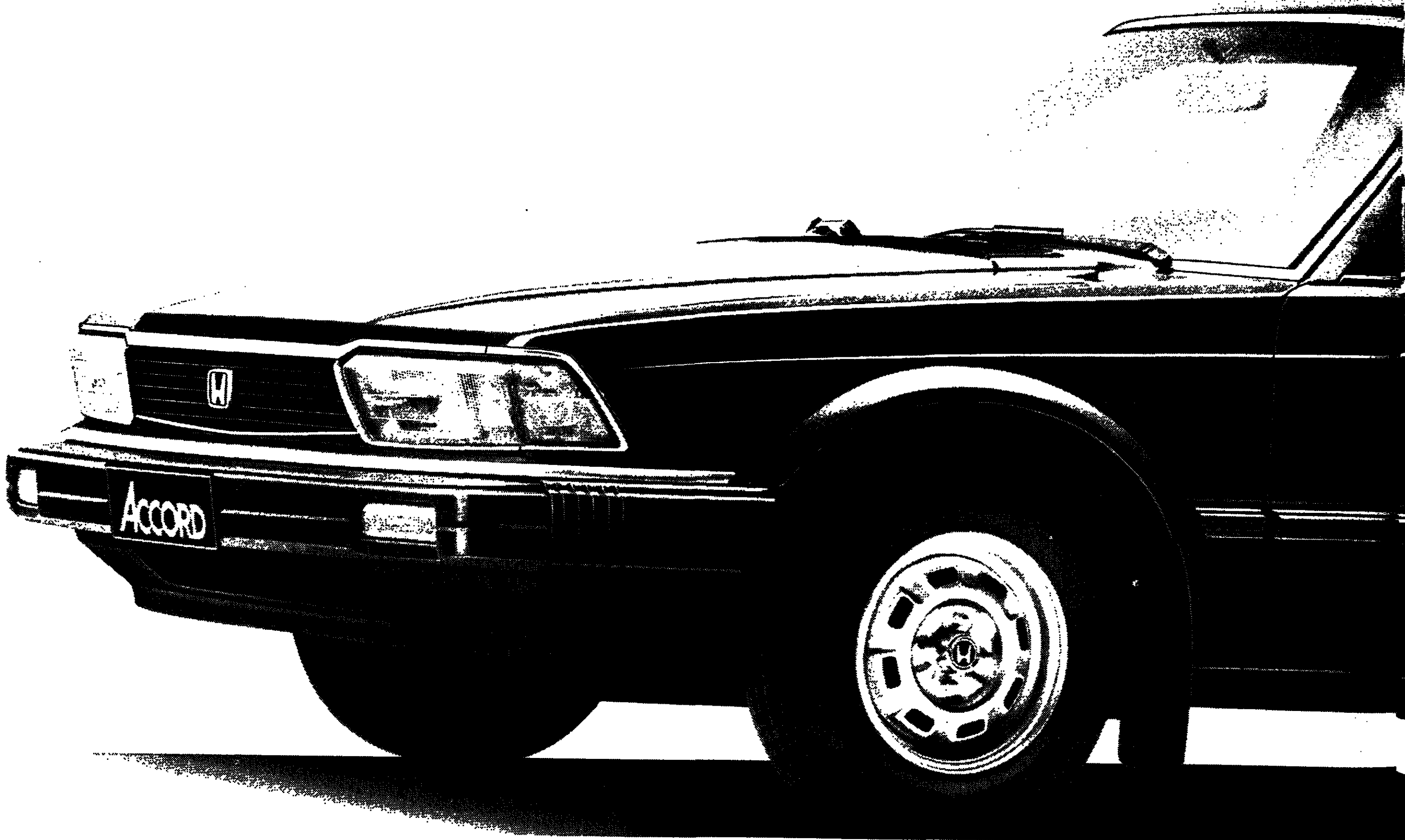
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## Recession easing out

## U.K. trade surplus mounts to \$5.6b

LONDON, Jan. 26 (R) — Britain has reported another big monthly surplus in foreign trade, although exports and imports both declined slightly in December, and government officials said the nation had begun its long haul out of recession.

The government reported a surplus on visible trade of 331 million sterling (\$615 million) in December to maintain a trend which has pushed the surplus for the whole of 1981 well over three billion sterling (\$5.6 billion).

But after adding in projected earnings from invisible exports such as shipping and insurance services, the government expected the total surplus last month to be 498 million sterling (\$924 million).

Trade Secretary John Biffen said exports, up 18 percent over the year, were buoyant and the trading performance was "a happy augury for Britain's industrial and commercial future."

Acknowledging that some British firms had "a hard time" maintaining their markets, Biffen said improved competitiveness and a lower-valued pound should assist manufacturers this year.

Officials close to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said the signs were multiplying that an economic recovery was beginning, with investment and productivity rising. Treasury Chief Economic Adviser Terry Burns, an architect of Mrs. Thatcher's economic strategy, declared Monday: "There are now signs that the general balance of the economy is improving."

In December, exports totaled 4,702 billion pounds (\$8.7 billion), while imports cost 4,371 billion pounds (\$8.09 billion). In both months, "invisible" earnings were estimated at 167 million pounds (\$310 million).

## Bonn strikes pipeline deal with Moscow

DUSSELDORF, Jan. 26 (AFP) — A west German company announced Monday a major contract to supply gas-pipeline tubing to the Soviet Union.

The announcement came as foreign ministers of the European Economic Community (EEC) were discussing possible ways of restricting trade between Western Europe and the Soviet Union in the context of repression in Poland.

The Mannesmann company said it had signed to deliver 1.2 million tons of heavy pipeline tube to the USSR this year and next year. The 56-inch (142-centimeter) pipe met the same specifications as tubing delivered to the Soviet Union by Mannesmann since 1970.

A company spokesman said the product was suited for use in the pipeline which the Soviet Union is building to bring Siberian natural gas to Europe.

He noted that Mannesmann's contracts allowed the purchaser full discretion as to how to use the pipeline equipment.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the prime minister's office said that last Friday's 25-year Franco-Soviet contract, under which the nationalized French gas company undertook to buy 8,000 million cubic meters of Siberian gas annually starting in 1984, was routinely subject to approval by the French government.

The deal, similar to arrangements the Soviet Union has made or is seeking to make with other West European nations, has come under sharp attack by the Reagan administration. The French government's position is that the gas deal is necessary to diversify the geographic source and the forms of energy France depends on.

## Bangladesh poised to hike jute output

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AFP) — Better prices are expected to encourage jute production in Bangladesh, and producers there are approaching the forthcoming 1982-83 sowing season in a more constructive frame of mind, according to *The Republic Ledger*, the London-based commodity paper.

The Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) expected sowing there to be up by a massive 40 percent to 1.8 million acres (against 1.3 million in the preceding two seasons). This would indicate a crop next season of 65 million lakh bales (1.2 million tons). But traders are skeptical of this forecast, the commodity paper said, and described it as "a substantial overestimate."

Traders believed growers would not respond in such a dramatic way to what is, after all, still by no means a bull market. Although a moderate increase may occur in Bangladesh, the world's biggest grower, India, will probably produce less.

## To appease U.S., EEC

## Japan all set to lift non-tariff trade barriers

TOKYO, Jan. 26 (AP) — Foreign Minister Yoshio Sakuruchi said Tuesday that Japan views trade friction with the United States and Europe as a "major foreign policy issue" and is moving with "special urgency" to deal with complaints that its market is closed to foreign imports.

He said that in an effort to stimulate free trade and answer the critics, the government will announce Friday a package of measures designed to deal with so-called non-tariff barriers affecting 67 items.

At the same time, International Trade and Industry Minister Shintaro Abe said Japan recognizes that a "danger point" may have been reached in its trade dispute with the United States and will set up a special joint task force to deal with the problem.

Abe, who met with President Ronald Reagan and other top U.S. and European officials in the United States last week, said the latter action, still to be worked out in detail, is intended to ease friction with Japan's biggest trading partners, the United States and Europe.

"I had the impression, while talking with U.S. government and business leaders following the Key Biscayne meeting of trade ministers, that criticism against the trade imbalance with Japan has reached a danger point in the U.S. Congress ... and that we should act quickly to avoid a trade war," Abe told a news conference.

Sakuruchi, meanwhile, told the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan that he does not believe trade should be linked to debate over Japanese defense spending or economic commitments to other countries, as suggested by some U.S. critics of Japan's policies.

"As far as we are concerned we look at the Japan-U.S. trade issue purely as a trade issue, and defense purely as a defense issue and economic cooperation as an economic issue," Sakuruchi declared. "We look at the problems separately and are making maximum efforts in each area."

He said that with Japan's moves to liberalize its market, European and U.S. companies must take advantage of increased opportunity for export to Japan.

Sakuruchi did not spell out details of the non-tariff barrier plan. Nor would he say what reaction he anticipated, but he rejected as "just speculation" a suggestion that the package would not be well received in Washington and European capitals.

"If people still are going to say they are not satisfied, then I believe that will be the starting point again," said Sakuruchi. Both he and Abe took office last November in a cabinet shakeup by Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki.

Latest figures show Japan, in 1981, chalked up hefty trade surpluses with the United States and Europe of \$13.41 billion and \$10.8 billion respectively. Foreign critics contend Japan's bewildering array of tariff and non-tariff structures on imports is partly responsible for the imbalance.

Japan has already made some across-the-board tariff cuts agreed upon at the Tokyo round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Sakuruchi said it is taking "appropriate action" on 67 of 99 items affected by non-tariff restrictions, about which complaints have been received. He indicated there would be no action on at least 15 of the other items because complaints were "based on misunderstandings."

Echoing statements in his first speech to the Diet (parliament) Monday, the minister said that "as Japan continues to play a role commensurate with its international position, it is crucial that there be full communication between Japan and the rest of the world on all aspects."

He said it is time Japan switched from a passive to a more active role in world affairs.

## World Bank to boost energy projects

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP) — U.S. opposition prevents setting up a special branch of the World Bank "any time soon" to lend money for new energy projects, a top bank official says.

But Ernest Stern, the bank's senior vice president for operations, says the bank is planning to increase its lending for energy purposes anyhow this year to \$2.9 billion — a quarter of its total operations.

"Most developing countries feel reducing oil imports is their top priority," he said. "...the specific means of financing are less important." He also reported that the bank is planning new ways of working with private business, the oil producing countries and the wealthy industrial countries to do more.

"...we are in the middle of discussions with commercial banks on some new co-financing projects which we hope will be very attractive for them," he told an interviewer.

An "energy affiliate" to the World Bank, which is owned by 141 governments, was proposed by its former president, Robert S. McNamara, toward the end of his term. The Reagan administration disapproved the idea, preferring to let private enterprise do the job. Stern, a former U.S. government employee

## Liberia retains top spot in shipping

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AFP) — The world merchant shipping fleet last year showed its smallest increase in 46 years, according to the latest Lloyds Register of shipping released here.

It showed that a sharp rise in bulk-carrier tonnage was largely countered by a fall in oil tankerage. The total fleet increased by 0.2 percent (900,000 tons) to 420.8 million tons gross.

Liberia remained the biggest flag carrier with 74.9 million tons, despite a sharp 5.4 million ton (6.7 percent) reduction.

Greece moved into second place with a 25 million ton (6.4 percent rise) to 42 million

and asked: "It is not therefore our duty so long as we cherish freedom and believe in progress, to do unyielding battle for these values, not compromising with social and economic rigidity in our society?"

Sakuruchi called free trade the "driving force behind the development of free economies" and noted that Japan is doubling aid to developing nations over five years to help provide "comprehensive security" in those areas.

In reply to a question, he rejected the argument that Japan's rapid economic growth has been at the expense of the United States, which contributes heavily to Japanese defense. Japan spends less than one percent of its GNP on defense, compared to five percent by the United States, prompting some critics to suggest linking trade and defense spending as a single issue.

himself, said the affiliate could not be created without American participation. The United States is the bank's biggest stockholder.

Its new president, A. W. Clausen, is the former head of the Bank of America, this country's biggest private bank. He has been urging more co-financing between the bank and private lenders in all fields.

Stern said most of the oil companies have welcomed the role the bank is playing in energy. He pointed out that it has a cooperative project with Union Oil in Thailand, with Chevron in Sudan and with Phillips in Sudan. He noted that the bank is also interested in other kinds of energy — it financed geothermal energy in Kenya and is working with other countries on biomass projects — the production of energy from plants.

He said it had helped develop gas fields, which had been neglected before and are now important suppliers of energy to Egypt and Thailand, and has exploration projects "which look very promising." He did not give details. Stern's views appeared in a new publication *The Bank's World*, which the bank will publish monthly. The first issue, dated January, was made available Monday.

tons, displacing Japan, which was down 0.3 percent to 40.8 million tons.

Panama rose one place to fourth after a massive 14.3 percent (3.5 million ton) rise to 27.6 million tons, ahead of Britain which fell 1.7 million tons (6.3 percent), to 25 million tons.

The world oil tanker fleet shrank 1.9 percent (3.3 million tons) to 171.697.000 tons, making up 40.8 percent of the total against 41.7 percent in 1980 and 42.2 percent in 1979. The bulk-carrier fleet increased 3.2 percent (3.5 million tons) to just over 113 million tons, comprising 26 percent of the total against 26.1 percent in 1980 and 26.2 percent in 1979.

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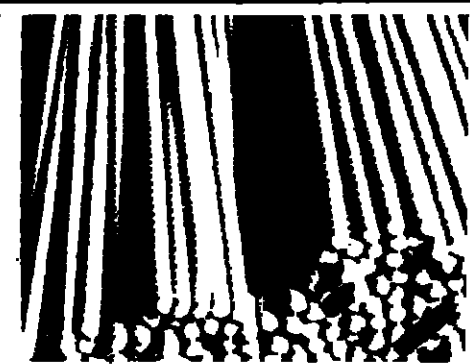
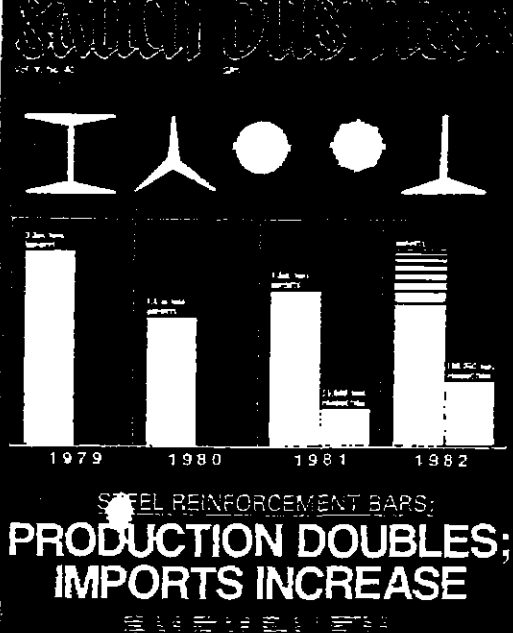
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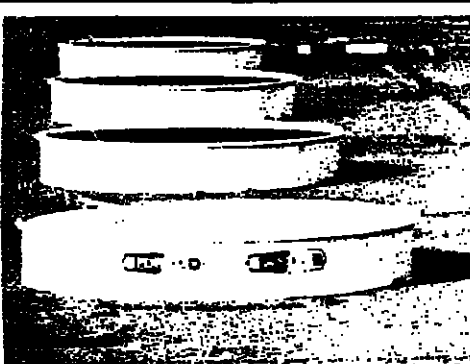
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In an interview with *Freeman Gregory* in Houston, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources emphasizes that the completion of the East-West Crude Oil pipeline provides a social return as well as an economic one. *Gregory* also talks to Dr. Abdul Hadi Taher, governor of Petromin and other officials on the Kingdom's long-term plans to diversify its industrial base. Page 22.



With the addition of one more Boeing 747 in January, Saudia now has a fleet of seven jumbos to serve its expanding passenger and cargo traffic. *Devadas Kini* met the officials of Saudia to file this story on the distinct features of the aircraft and the latest fleet position. Page 21.

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## Policy to continue

## Fed rules out interest rate fall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP) — As President Ronald Reagan prepares to discuss his plans for coping with record federal deficits and recession, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board cautions that one persistent problem, high interest rates, won't vanish soon.

Reagan delivers his state of the Union message to Congress in a nationally broadcast address Tuesday night. Without tax increases or spending cuts, the budget deficit is expected to surpass \$100 billion in the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Federal Reserve (FED) chairman Paul Volcker said Monday that unless "excessive deficits" are reduced, the huge financial needs of government and industry cannot be met without sending up interest rates even higher.

High interest rates, fostered in part by the Fed's restrictive monetary policy, pushed the nation's economy into recession last year.

## Syria unfolds \$8b budget

DAMASCUS, Jan. 26 (R) — Syria announced a 1982 draft budget which earmarked nearly a third of total spending on defense but which cut by one fifth subsidies paid to keep down the basic price of foodstuffs.

The draft budget presented to parliament Monday night by Finance Minister Hamdi Al-Saqqa estimated total expenditure at 33.34 billion Syrian pounds (\$8.44 billion) against last year's 31.02 billion pounds. Details of prospective revenue were not given.

Defense will take 9.78 billion pounds (\$2.47 billion) after 9.63 billion pounds (\$2.44 billion) last year, while the sum allocated for price maintenance was cut to 1.6 billion pounds (\$405 million) from two billion pounds (\$506 million) in 1981. The Syrian parliament usually approves the draft budget without major amendments, political sources said.

## Spain said keen on Siberian gas

MADRID, Jan. 26 (AFP) — Spain has asked the Soviet Union for negotiations on the supply of Siberian gas, an official source said here Tuesday.

Energy assessments in Madrid show that up to 3,000 million cubic meters could be purchased per annum. However, the USSR assessed a 40,000 million cubic meters annual figure for total exports to West Europe, the source noted. West Germany and France had already fixed up deals for Siberian gas with the Soviet Union.

The Reagan administration has been critical of what it has characterized as an "erratic" Fed monetary policy, saying the central bank's inability to manage a slow, gradual growth of the nation's money supply has created uncertainty in financial markets.

Volcker said in an address to a convention of the National Association of Home Builders at Las Vegas, Nevada, that the Fed's policy of restraint will continue. He attributed high interest rates to concern over federal deficits and skepticism about the course of inflation.

While inflation subsided in 1981, he said, "the widespread assumption or fear that inflation would continue tends to maintain its momentum."

The auto industry has been especially hard hit by high interest rates, and domestic automakers reported Monday that mid-January sales fell 15.8 percent from the same 1981 period and sank to the lowest daily rate for that period since 1961.

Analysts said General Motors Corp. sales, down 17.2 percent, might have been hurt because buyers were awaiting the result of bargaining with the United Auto Workers Union. Those talks were scheduled to resume Tuesday.

GM and the UAW have agreed that any concessions granted by the union would be translated into cutting auto prices. The Commerce Department reported that orders for durable goods, which plummeted 9.8 percent in October, rose 1.6 percent in December after a 1.7 percent gain in November. Durable goods include items with a life expectancy of at least three years, such as cars and appliances.

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Instead of abolishing it, however, the ministers agreed to suspend the storage levy on cane sugar for three years, from the start of the 1982-83 EEC sugar year next July 1, and then review the situation. West Germany resisted the proposal for abolishing the levy, on the ground that this could be the start of the development of a separate EEC price regime for raw sugar.

Meanwhile, the European Common Market states were close to agreement on plans to make credit more expensive for Moscow, in reprisal for what they see as a Soviet role in the Polish crisis.

But they have failed again to find a solution to the dispute over money, created by British demands for refunds on its EEC budget payments, and their moves on Poland may not be supported by Greece. The EEC foreign ministers ended with no accord on EEC budget reform, marking yet another failure after lengthy negotiations.

An independent stand by Greece could also prevent a common stance toward Moscow, diplomats said, although this and EEC relations with Poland were due to be discussed further Tuesday. The proposal of the nine, and of the 10 if supported by Greece, would be to make Moscow pay more for export credits granted by Western industrial states.

This would be suggested to other countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), which operates an informal agreement setting minimum export credit rates, ministers said.

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## SAS cancels flights, sends strikers home

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 26 (AP) — All Scandinavian Airlines (SAS) traffic at Kastrup International Airport was cancelled Tuesday as ground personnel were sent home for refusing to call off a strike entering its second day, the airline announced.

SAS manager for Denmark, Roald Soekilde, said the airline was not looking out the 1,600 airplane mechanics, technicians and freight handlers but "they were sent home without pay." Airline spokesmen said the workers ignored an ultimatum to go back to work.

The hourly-paid ground personnel went on strike Monday in a dispute over a local wage agreement and blockaded all SAS flights out of Copenhagen, forcing the airline to divert incoming traffic.

Strikers blocked at least 20 SAS airplanes from taking off Monday but let other carriers' aircraft pass. They lifted the blockade in mid-afternoon, letting SAS' salaried ground staff service about 20 departures carrying hundreds of delayed passengers.

Airline officials continued to hold off incoming SAS flights, diverting them to other airports in Scandinavia and northern Europe.

Meanwhile, the striking employees indicated they would stand on their charge that SAS was paying them too little after their latest cost-of-living increment. A spokesman for the wage-earners, Bjarne Larsen, said they were getting about 2 kroner (30 cents) too little in their wages ranging from 53 kroner (\$6.90) to 69 kroner (\$9.20) an hour.

SAS, composed of the national airlines of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, averages 200 takeoffs and landings on weekdays at Kastrup Airport. Neither the airline nor the strikers could predict Tuesday when SAS activities might resume at Kastrup, one of Europe's busiest air transit points.

## Kuwait eyes Gulf Oil's refineries

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AFP) — Kuwait is negotiating an interest in Gulf Oil's European refineries, thus giving it an easier outlet for its crude, oil industry sources said here Tuesday.

Gulf Oil has refineries at Milford Haven in Wales, at Europoort in the Netherlands and at Gulyayo in Denmark. It has a 75 percent share in a refinery at Sarni in Italy and 25 percent in another at Cressier in Switzerland. These refineries are working below capacity like most others, the sources said. Some facilities are making a loss.

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## Dollar rates stay unchanged

By J. H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 — The dollar maintained its overall strength against the other major currencies Tuesday. European dealers reported another day of hectic trading which saw the dollar reconsolidate the minor losses it suffered in New York Monday night.

Firm U.S. dollar interest rates were still the primary reason for the dollar's recent strengthening and the money markets are expecting further hikes in U.S. interest rates. There were some half-hearted attempts by the New York Federal Reserve Board to inject liquidity into the system on Monday night, but this merely resulted in "Fed Funds" rates moving down to 15 percent from 16 1/4 percent levels. The markets were not so sure that money supply figures could be easily controlled by the "Fed" and this was illustrated by the fact that U.S. money supply rose by some \$800 million last Friday when most observers were expecting a fall. The statements by Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker to the Congressional Committee on Banking are expected with great interest by financiers. This might shed some light on how the "Fed" sees its role in tackling the money supply problem.

Meanwhile, U.S. interest rates continued to rise, and on Tuesday the one-month Eurodollar rate reached 15 1/4 - 15 3/4 percent levels, while the one-year deposit was quoted at 15 1/4 - 16 1/4 percent levels. The dollar was in demand in Europe and even the Bahraini based OBU's — offshore banking units, reported demand for dollar deposit.

In the exchange markets, the yen continued to waver just under the 230.00 level and it is only just a matter of time before

that level is breached at the rate the dollar is rising. In other currency news, the German mark traded at 2.3399 levels after it had fallen to 2.3430 on Monday in Frankfurt. The French franc lost another 200 points to trade at 5.9600 levels Tuesday, while the British pound was steadier at 1.8530 levels. The Swiss franc picked up some ground to trade at 1.8645 from 1.8670 levels, but was only reacting to the mark's weakness with the Swiss central bank reportedly selling dollars and buying both Swiss franc and marks to help these currencies.

In the local exchange markets, spot rial/dollar rates opened firmer Tuesday compared with Monday's levels. Spot traded at 3.4200-10, but later moved up to 3.4205-15 by close of the trading session. Dealers reported some brisk inter-bank trading activity but the volumes were generally small. In the money markets, rial deposit rates saw-sawed with rates opening firm, but later actually falling between 1/4 and 1/2 percent despite the rises in Eurodollar interest rates. Local dealers continue to point out the availability of rial liquidity as one factor putting a brake on rial rate rises, and also on general bank "cautiousness" in reacting to the dollar's rises. One-month rial rates opened at 13 1/2 - 14 percent, but later fell back to 12 3/4 - 13 1/4 percent. The one-year level was stable at 13 1/2 - 14 percent, while short-dated funds (one week) were dealt at 13-14 percent.

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## BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — One of France's three principal banks, Credit Lyonnais, is to increase its foothold in Asia soon with an "office of representation" in Bombay, India, and a branch in Manila in the Philippines, the bank announced Monday. It said the Bombay office would help French firms interested in trading with India. The Manila agency will qualify as an "offshore banking unit" dealing in foreign exchange.

LONDON, (AFP) — Lord Carrington, the British foreign secretary, is to leave London Wednesday for a two-week tour of five countries in Southeast Asia, in an apparent effort to step up British business opportunities there. He will be accompanied by businessmen from a number of leading British companies.

VIENNA, (AFP) — Austria has banned the Polish civil airline Lot from landing here as long as the Polish authorities continue to refuse to allow Austrian Airlines to land at Warsaw, Austrian airline authorities announced in a communiqué here Monday. Poland refused landing rights to all Western airlines, when they imposed martial law last month.

KHARTOUM, (R) — The commerce ministers of Sudan, Uganda and Zaire have signed an agreement aimed at regulating their border trade, Sudanese officials said Monday. No details of the agreement were immediately available. The signing of the accord Sunday followed three days of talks in Khartoum among the ministers.

ABIDJAN, (AFP) — The vice-president of Lebanon's Middle East Airlines (MEA), Sami Rababi, is in Abidjan negotiating with Air Afrique for MEA to fly three times a week between Beirut and the Ivory Coast

capital, the newspaper *Fraternité Matin* reported Tuesday. It quoted Rababi as saying that if agreement was reached MEA would put a Boeing 747 Jumbo Jet on the route "to meet the needs of our continually increasing customers."

JOHANNESBURG, (AFP) — The Japanese Toyota Company, Ford and Renault were the only car manufacturers to boost sales in South Africa last year, but they failed to knock Volkswagen off the top of the league. Figures released by the National Association of Automobile Manufacturers of South Africa showed a total of 453,542 cars and commercial vehicles sold in 1981.

BELGRADE, (AFP) — Bangladesh Finance Minister Saifur Rahman had talks here Tuesday with Yugoslavian Prime Minister Veselin Djuranovic on international issues and matters of interest to the two governments. Tanjug news agency reported. The agency said that the meeting centred mainly on the non-aligned program and on preparations for the next summit, scheduled for September in Baghdad.

## U.S. stock market

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP) — The stock market headed higher Tuesday morning. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 2.28 to 845.03 in the first half hour. Gainers took a 5 to 4 lead over losers in the early rally of New York stock exchange-listed issues.

Traders appeared to have been encouraged by a decline in interest rates in the bond and short-term money markets Monday. But analysts said investors were likely to proceed cautiously as they waited for President Reagan's State of the Union message Tuesday night.

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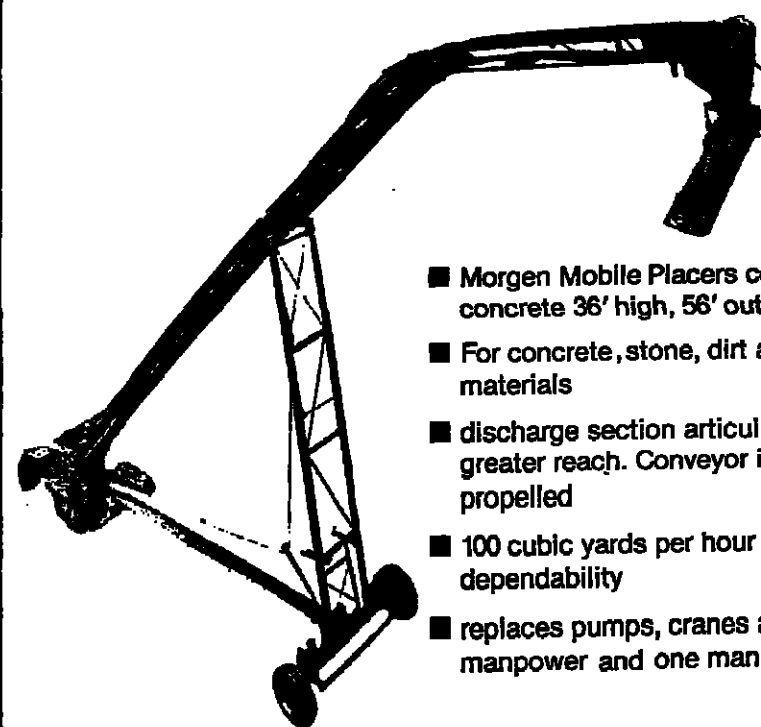
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## W Indies shot out cheaply

## Allan Border keeps Aussies' hopes alive

SYDNEY, Jan. 26 (AP) — Skipper Greg Chappell, woefully out of form with the bat, steered Australia to a vital win in the third of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cricket Cup finals against the West Indies at the Sydney Cricket ground here Tuesday night.

Chasing the Australian total of 214 for eight made in 50 overs, the West Indians were dismissed for 168 in 42.5 overs. The Windies lead 2-1 in the series Chappell, who failed again with his seventh duck in international matches this summer, said: "We had to bat well, field well and bowl well."

"The key was to get a majority firing at the one time. We took some good catches, had some great run outs and capitalized on the opportunities offered to us. Thanks to Allan Border we got into the runs after looking as though we would struggle to get 180." The pugnacious left-hander topscored with an unbeaten innings of 69 to rescue Australia, who were 20 for two at one stage.

West Indian manager Steve Comacho said: "We didn't play as well as we should. The crisis comes quickly in one day cricket." Comacho said that he had made representations to the Australian Cricket Board to have a fifth and final clash, if it became necessary on February 7, played on the SCG as a day game.

The West Indies won the toss Tuesday and sent Australia in to bat before a crowd which finally grew to 29,484 openers Bruce Laird and Graeme Wood were subdued against the West Indian pacemen who struck immediate line and length. Australia were 20 for two

when Laird was out for 14 caught by Viv Richards off Sylvester Clarke and Chappell was bowled by a massive in-swing from Joel Garner.

Kim Hughes and Wood put on 74 for the third-wicket, Border and Rod Marsh were associated in a sixth-wicket stand of 42 and Border and Len Pascoe put on a record ninth-wicket partnership against the West Indies for Australia of 47. Michael Holding and Sylvester Clarke with two and three wickets each took the lions' share of the eight wickets to fall.

It was Dennis Lillee, one of the Australian pacemen branded by Kim Hughes as being on the wrong side of 30, who grabbed the vital wickets of Gordon Greenidge lbw for five and Viv Richards trapped likewise for four.

West Indian skipper Clive Lloyd played almost a lone hand for his unbeaten 63 in 126 minutes, which included four boundaries. But the West Indians, even at 113 for eight, were still in the fight needing six runs an over in the last ten overs to win.

But it was unlikely with the over-rate that they would have faced more than 48 overs in the time allowed due to a delay in starting when rain fell briefly. The 168 tally was the lowest West Indian score on the Sydney Cricket Ground in one-day fixtures, one less than its previous low set in the 1979-80 tour.

The Australian selectors have nominated the same squad for Wednesday's fourth final at the Sydney Cricket ground and would probably keep the same eleven if Kim Hughes' injured foot stands up to the strain,

## Score-board

Australia:		West Indies:	
B. Laird c Richards b Clarke	14	C. Greenidge lbw Lillee	5
G. Wood c and b Chappell	45	D. Haynes c Chappell b Pascoe	26
G. Chappell b Garner	0	V. Richards lbw Lillee	4
K. Hughes b Holding	28	L. Gomes c Marsh b Thomson	0
A. Border not out	69	C. Lloyd not out	63
D. Hookes c Dujon b Holding	1	F. Barnes run out	19
R. Marsh b Clarke	1	J. Dujon c Dyer b Malone	10
D. Lillee b Clarke	1	A. Roberts lbw Chappell	1
J. Thomson c Dujon b Roberts	7	M. Holding c Thomson b Chappell	6
L. Pascoe not out	15	S. Clarke run out	16
Extras	24	J. Garner c (Sub) Dyer b Pascoe	3
Total (for 8 wts.)	214	Extras	15
Fall of wickets: 1-19, 2-20, 3-94, 4-100, 5-103, 6-145, 7-147, 8-167		Total	168
Bowling: Holding 10-2-32-2; Clarke 10-2-30-3; Garner 10-0-42-1; Roberts 10-1-50-1; Comel 10-0-46-1		Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-34, 3-41, 4-41, 5-66, 6-88, 7-95, 8-113, 9-164	
		Bowling: Lillee 10-4-18-2; Thomson 6-0-38-1; Pascoe 6-5-1-21-2; Malone 10-1-33-1; Chappell 10-1-43-2	

## In Shalimar's fluent victory

## Shaukat strikes deadly

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 26 — Shalimar recorded a fluent eight-wicket verdict over Pak Jeddah for its second straight success in the Alireza Cricket League last weekend.

The superb seam bowling of Shaukat featured Shalimar's big victory. Shaukat's controlled bowling fetched him a record haul of seven wickets for 24 runs as Pak Jeddah was bundled out for 79. Shaukat became the best bowler of the league, till date, with his performance. He eclipsed the two-week old record of Asfuaq, whose seven for 30 effort against Honda proved in vain for Pak Jeddah in its opening tie.

Pak Jeddah, batting first was in dire straits right from the offset. Only Adnan (17) and Israr (11) mastered the accurate attack of Shaukat and Habib to some extent. And the generous nature of Shalimar enabled it to finish at 79. Shalimar gifted to Pak Jeddah 27 runs, in the form of sundries, which eventually was the top-scorer. Shalimar rattled up the requisite runs easily with Shafiqat (35) and Saleem (21) getting the major share.

Easy victories were recorded in the other two league matches also. While Pak Saudi registered a 117 run win over J.C.C., Honda maintained a clean slate with its second victory of the league. Honda scored a facile eight-wicket victory over Sikander, which lost its opening encounter of the league.

Pak Saudi was set on its way to a big total

when its openers Shahbaz and Balooch with 59 and 21 respectively gave a flying start. Perviz hit a quick 36 and the total read 122 for three wickets when he made his exit. The fine start was bolstered by Khalil and Nasim, who took the J.C.C. bowling apart. Both stroked merrily and notched 103 runs for the fourth-wicket in 13 overs. Khalil (66) was the top-scorer with Nasim's contribution being 39. Nasir chipped in with a breezy 15 to take Pak Saudi's tally to 255 for five in its allotted overs.

J.C.C. did not go down without a fight. But the order set was tall and in its effort to force the pace, J.C.C. lost wickets in quick succession and was all out for 138 in 29 overs. Till Aslam (34) and Arif (21) were battling it out in the middle J.C.C. entertained slender hopes, but the exit of the two wipped out whatever chances it had. Khalil crowned a good day with a harvest of four wickets for 42 runs.

Sikander's opening campaign was a disaster. Making first use of the strip, Sikander was all at sea against the sustained attack of Honda's Nadeem and Saeed. Sikander could muster only 60 runs in the 16 overs it faced with Sohail being the only batsman to reach double figures. His contribution was 14 runs. Nadeem returned with five wickets for 34, while Saeed took four wickets for 18. Honda bypassed the meagre target for the loss of two wickets in the same number of overs. Saudagar was its main scorer with 29 runs.

## Goalkeeper Lemelin stands out as Calgary forces a tie

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP) — It wouldn't be at all surprising if Rejean Lemelin's sleep was made uneasy by dreams of a blizzard of pucks, with the rubber discs coming at the Calgary Flames goaltender from every direction.

Lemelin was in goal Monday night when his team forced a 3-3 National Hockey League tie with Boston despite a 55-shot barrage by the Bruins, who were playing on their own ice.

In the other games, both home teams lost, with the Minnesota North Stars routing the Toronto Maple Leafs 9-2 and the Hartford Whalers tipping the Chicago Black Hawks 6-5.

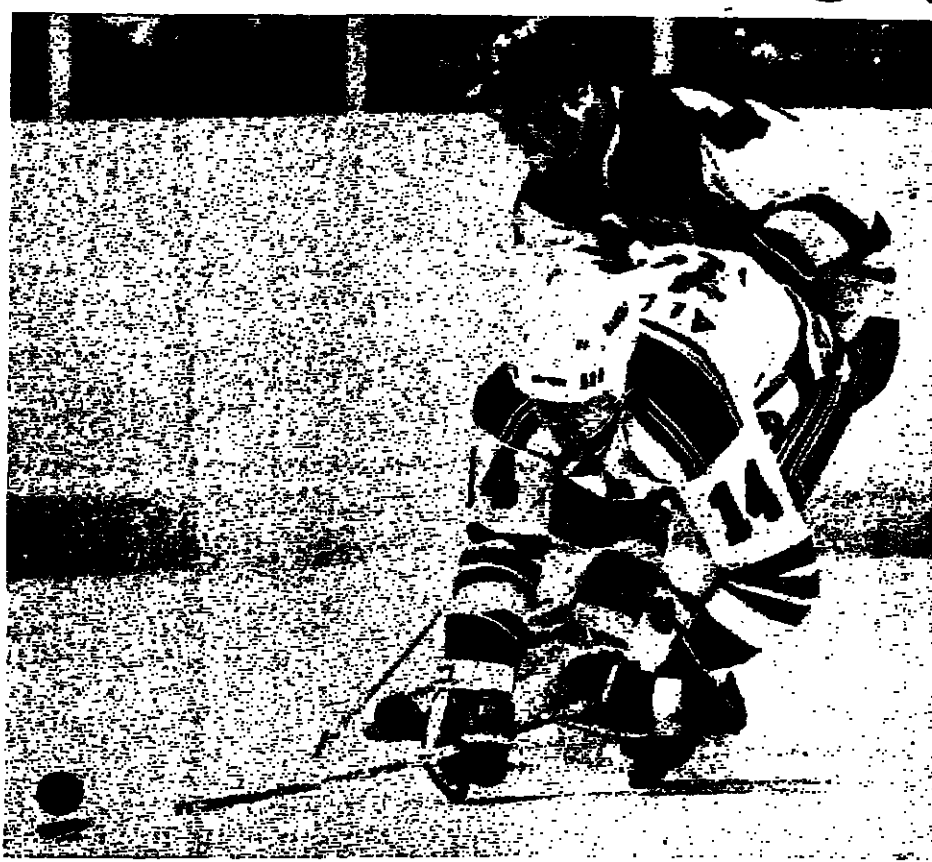
Lemelin, who came into the Boston game well rested after sitting on the bench for nine games while Pat Riggin played, faced season highs by the Bruins of 20 shots in the first period and 22 in the second. Boston fired 13 shots on-goal in the final period, although Keith Crowder's second goal, coming on the 49th shot of the night, at 11:18 of the third period, tied the game at 3-3.

"Anybody gets frustrated," Lemelin said of the Bruins. "You take 20 shots in the first period and score only one goal. Then you start pressing. They were starting to shoot from everywhere in the second period. They were throwing everything at the net."

The Flames took just 25 shots against Boston goalie Rogie Vachon, but Kevin Lavallee had given Calgary a 3-2 lead on its 18th shot of the game, earlier in the third period.

The Bruins broke on top with Crowder's first goal at 9:33 of the first period. But Charles Bourgeois tied it on a 50-footer between Vachon's pads at 17:01. Peter McNab got his 23rd goal of the season on a power play for Boston at 8:07 of the second period, but Lanny McDonald beat Vachon from the spot to tie it at 13:28.

North Stars 9, Maple Leafs 2: Bobby Smith scored three goals and assisted on two others to lead the Minnesota romp in Toronto. The North Stars scored three times in the first seven minutes and the issue never was in doubt.



LONG REACH: New York Rangers center Mike Allison (14) attempts to get his stick to the puck as Pittsburgh Penguins' defenseman Paul Baxter keeps a close watch in a thrilling match in New York recently.

Smith's hat-trick gave him 30 goals for the season. Dino Ciccarelli, with his 37th and 38th goals of the season, Anders Hakansson, Neal Broten, Tom McCarthy and Palmer also scored for the North Stars, and defenseman Craig Hartsburg assisted on the first four Minnesota goals.

The North Stars, who led 8-1 after two periods, extended their undefeated string to



Allan Border ... defiant knock.

## Gottfried, Kriek surprised in opening round

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — Kevin Curren of South Africa and American Tim Mayotte scored upset wins in the first round of the \$300,000 U.S. Professional Indoor Tennis Championships at the Spectrum Monday.

Curren, ranked 58th in the world, used a powerful and consistent serve to beat eighth-seeded Brian Gottfried of the United States 6-4, 6-4. Curren, 23, lost only five points on his serve in the first set and seven in the second.

Mayotte, 21, avenged his defeat in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open in December when he put out fifth-seeded Johan Kriek of South Africa 6-2, 7-6. Kriek went on to win the Australian title and become the first South African to triumph in a Grand Slam event. Mayotte jumped into a 3-0 lead in the tiebreaker and went on to win it 7-3.

John McEnroe's doubles partner Peter Fleming lost in three sets to fellow-American Chip Hooper 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, while Texan Steve Denton, Australian Open finalist, needed three sets to beat the highly-talented Indian youngster Ramesh Krishnan 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Top seed John McEnroe plays his first match Wednesday, while Jimmy Connors, second seed, faces

Meanwhile, in Seattle, Martina Navratilova stomped past fellow-American Andrea Jaeger 6-2, 6-0 to win the Avon Tennis Championship of Seattle Monday. The match took only 41 minutes with the aggressive Navratilova, 25, completely dominating her 16-year-old opponent.

Jaeger said after the match that Navratilova had played well but that "you can't play like that unless someone helps you along. I helped her pretty well." Navratilova said "If I keep playing like I played tonight, it will be difficult for anyone to keep close."

There was a mild flutter in the doubles final of the competition. The second-seeded combination of Rosie Casals of the United States and Wendy Turnbull of Australia upset the top-seeded American pair of Kathy Jordan and Anne Smith. Casals and Turnbull won at 7-5, 6-4.

In Chicago, Illinois, Czechoslovakia's latest offering to the tennis world, Helena Sukova, upset the more experienced Mima Jausovec of Yugoslavia 7-6, 4-6, 7-5, in the first round of the Chicago Women's Grand Prix Tournament Monday.

Another junior was in the limelight. Kathy Rinaldi, who recently joined the professional circuit, got past the fancied South African Rosalyn Fairbanks to make the second round. The 14-year-old American dropped the second set en route to her victory. Kathy Rinaldi won at 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

## After a three-year blank Wadkins walks away with Phoenix title

PHOENIX, Arizona, Jan. 26 (AP) — American Lanny Wadkins, three times a runner-up in this event, fanned his lead with a 6-under-par 65 and won the Phoenix open Golf tournament Monday taking his first title in almost three years by a six-stroke margin.

Wadkins, a former PGA champion whose career has been punctuated by a series of injuries and ailments won the rain-delayed event with a 263 total. That's a whopping 21 strokes under par on the 6,726-yard Phoenix Country Club course and the lowest 72-hole total on the pro tour in more than a year.

The victory, Wadkins' first since the 1979 tournament players championship, was worth \$54,000 from the total purse of \$300,000, more than he won all of last season. The 32-year-old Wadkins started the day four strokes in front. His lead was never less than three. And he took it out of reach with a burst of four birdies in a six-hole stretch beginning on the seventh. That put

him six in front with six holes to go and it was merely a fight for second. Jerry Pate took that position with a 65 and a 269 total.

Mike Reid, with a 66, was next at 270. He had a share of the runnerup spot until he bogeyed the final hole. Current PGA champion Larry Nelson, the leader through the first two rounds, Andy Bean and Morris Hataksy were next at 271. Each won \$12,400, enough to make Bean the game's 33rd 1 million dollars career winner. Bean had a closing 65. Nelson 67 and Hataksy 69.

David Graham, the U.S. Open champ and winner of this title last year, was 68-279. British Open champ Bill Rogers was 72-285. Tom Kite, last year's leading money-winner, had a 68-274.

Meanwhile, England's Peter Tupting returns to the scene of his greatest triumph when he leaves London Tuesday with a party of some 50 European Professional golfers for

the first two tournaments of the "Safari Circuit."

Tupting, a 31-year-old Yorkshireman, set a world record aggregate of 255, with rounds of 63, 66, 62, and 64, when he won the Nigerian Open at Lagos last February. He defends the title from February 4-7 before going on to the Ivory Coast Open the following week, when another Yorkshireman, Gordon Brand, will be aiming to repeat last year's victory. Both events are worth 40,000 pounds.

After a three-week break, the Safari tour resumes with four more events in which total prize money of 192,000 pounds will be at stake. The British and Irish challenge will be boosted by several other top professionals, particularly for the Kenya and Zambian Opens, both won last year by Brian Barnes.

Dates are: Kenya Open March 11-14, Mufuliri Open March 18-21, Zambian Open March 25-28, Kalshari Classic April 1-4.

## Defense gave us victory, says Montana

PONTIAC, Michigan, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — A year ago, Joe Montana was a second-string quarterback with his future in doubt. Today he sits on top of the pro football world.

Montana, who was demoted to a reserve behind Steve Deberg last season, capped the most successful turnaround in Super Bowl history Monday, running for one touchdown and passing for another to lead San Francisco to a 26-21 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals that brought the 49ers their first National Football League Championship. Both the teams received welcome home greetings. An estimated 300,000 fans line San Francisco streets to see the champions, while another 4,500 jammed Fountain Square in Cincinnati for the Bengal's welcoming home party.

Montana, who vaulted one yard for one score and threw an 11-yard pass to Earl Cooper, was named the game's most valuable player. He hit 14-of-22 passes for 157 yards and engineered a Super Bowl record 92-yard scoring drive in the second period.

Montana helped the 49ers to a 20-0 lead, the largest halftime margin in Super Bowl history, and then came back from an unproductive third period to set up the last two of Ray Wersching's four field goals and put the game out of reach.

"We kind of did everything we wanted to in that first half," said Montana. "We were very happy with the big lead but it came very early in the game and it almost cost us. The key to this victory had to be our defense. We made mistakes and didn't move the ball well in the second half and they bailed us out. We stuck together and we won together. I don't think people believed in us even after we beat Dallas in the National Football Conference title game — even the other coaches picked Cincinnati."

Montana said the Bengals started to apply heavy pressure in the second half, especially after their first touchdown. "They blitzed a little bit in the first half and they really went all out to get me in the second half," he explained. "We were backed up a lot in those last two quarters and I felt the big thing was not to make silly mistakes."



John Walker ... welcome return to form

## Thomas Cup Badminton

## Denmark spurts to 4-0 lead

GRANGEMOUTH, Scotland, Jan. 26 (AFP) — Denmark eclipsed Scotland 4-0 on the first day of the two-day European Zone Thomas Cup Badminton semifinal here Monday.

The Danes, who successfully plundered the Scottish Open Championship Sunday, rubbed more salt in the wounds of the home side with an awesome display of subtlety and power. Scotland must now win all of the remaining five games to prevent the Danes from reaching the finals in England later this year.

Danish No. one, Morten Frost Hansen, and his victim in the final of the Scottish singles at Meadowbank, Flemming Delfs, ruthlessly exposed the limitations of Scots. Gordon Hamilton and Charlie Gallagher, in the opening two singles. Then Scotland's main hopes of keeping the rubber alive, Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers, played well below par losing 15-7, 15-7 to Jens-Peter Nierhof and Jesper Hallidie.

The nearest Scots came to snatching one game off the competent Danes came in

the final match when David Shaylor and Alex White went down narrowly 15-9, 15-11 to Frost Hansen and Steen Fladberg.

The Danes were provided a stormy start by Frost and Delfs, dropping only 12 points in winning the first two men's singles. Flemming Delfs was given a shock by the Scotland No. one, Charlie Gallagher, when he found himself 4-5 down in the opening game, but the 1977 World Champion soon found his touch and relentlessly won 17 points in succession.

## Scott in England's rugby squad

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AFP) — England have taken a chance by including John Scott in their team to play Ireland in the Five Nations Rugby Championship at Twickenham on Saturday week.

The 27-year-old Cardiff captain, who has played just one match since injury put him on the sidelines following last summer's tour of Argentina, and Gloucester's "hard man", Blakeway, are the two changes made by the England selectors following the 9-9 draw against Scotland in the opening Five Nations Championship of the season.

Scott, who has had operations on both ankles since the Argentina tour, takes over at number eight from Bristol's Bob Hesford, who played in both England's matches this season and Blakeway replaces Northampton's Gary Pearce.

Blakeway, is another man against whom there has been a fitness question mark because of recurrent back and neck injuries. He had to be replaced in last year's match against Ireland in Dublin after only 26 minutes. But although he was unlucky enough to break his nose on the eve of the team selection for the match against the Wal-

## BRIEFS

IPSWICH, England (AFP) — Ipswich Town and England defender Terry Butcher has been taken back into hospital requiring another blood transfusion following an injury to his nose during the F.A. Cup ties against Luton Town Saturday. He lost nearly two pints of blood during and after the match and needed a transfusion in hospital — and Sunday night his nose started to bleed again.

LONDON, (AFP) — World champion Steve Davis is everybody's favorite to win the Masters' Snooker Tournament which opens at the Wembley Conference Center Tuesday while the flamboyant Irishman Alex Higgins makes a bid to win the title for the third time. Higgins has appeared in the last four finals and last year defeated Welshman Terry Griffiths to become the only player to win the title twice.

LONDON, (AFP) — Andrew Jameson, 16, follows in the wake of his sister Helen when he makes his debut in the international arena swimming meet in Paris on February 5, 6 and 7. Both Helen and Andrew from Liverpool, were included when the national squad was drawn up for this year, but this is the first trip for Andrew.

LONDON, (AFP) — Ken Buchanan, the former world lightweight champion, made a sentimental journey to the National Sporting Club here for his final professional appear-

ances at the start of January, he has been playing regularly for Gloucester with no injury problems.

It appears that the chairman of the England selectors, Budge Olers, has virtually left Scott to make his own decision on whether he will be fit to play at Twickenham. Although flanker Peter Winterbottom and Lock Maurice Colclough were unable to attend the Stourbridge training session, their availability is in no doubt.

Colclough's fitness is likely to be crucial to England's chances. He injured a hamstring during the match with Scotland and England's efficiency in the line-outs was markedly impaired in the last quarter of a match which the Scots saved through a last minute penalty by Andy Irvine.

England, now in the happy position of possessing backs who are rated about the best in the championship, have won five of the last six matches against Ireland, but were defeated in the previous four. The Irish, now the only team capable of winning the triple crown, have a good Twickenham record and will be buoyed up for success following their emphatic 20-12 win over Wales at Lansdowne road last Saturday.

LEEDS, England, (AFP) — Geoff Boycott and Ray Illingworth will almost certainly continue to live uneasily with each other in Yorkshire cricket after Tuesday's committee meeting, which is to receive an interim report on the set-up of the game in the County. Yorkshire delight in conducting its private wars in full view of a disinterested public, but the reverberations seldom result in departures.

SYDNEY, (AP) Greg Chappell said Tuesday night he intends to tour New Zealand with the Australian cricket team next month — and expects to be chosen as captain.

CANBERRA, Australia, (AP) — Pakistan under-19 batsman Mansoor Rana saved his side from a poor total on the opening day of a two-day match against a combined NSW-ACT under-19 side here. Mansoor scored 100 in 232 minutes, including four boundaries out of a total of 186. He batted with great authority and played some fluent strokes in a display which augurs well for the big matches ahead.



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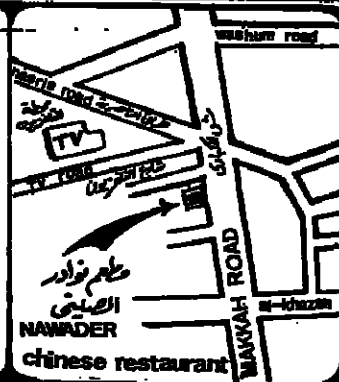
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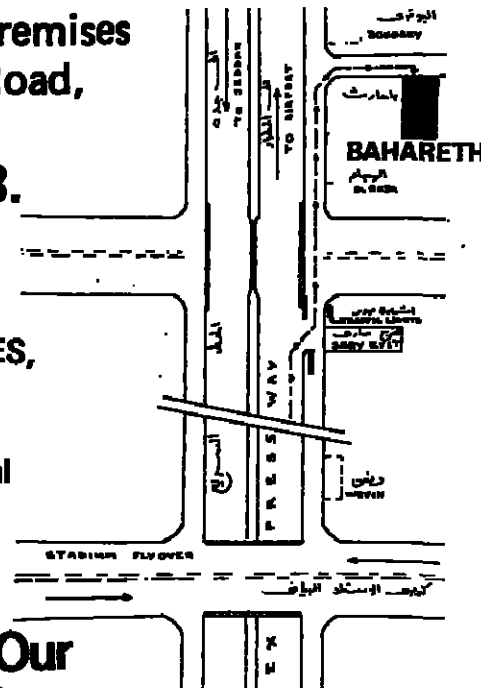
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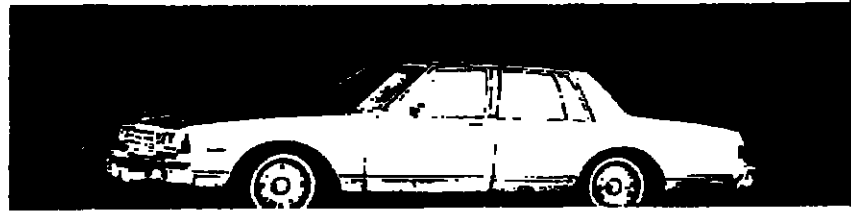
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International

### Haig-Gromyko meeting

## Polish crisis overshadows talks

GENEVA, Jan. 26 (AP) — Resuming their dialogue on the troubled state of East-West relations, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko conferred in two private sessions Tuesday, still deeply divided over the military crackdown in Poland.

Even before their initial session began at the fortress-like U.S. mission here, the two statesmen were at a virtual impasse about Poland. Haig said that the issue was the lead item on his agenda, but Gromyko said he would not discuss the subject at all.

Their morning meeting lasted 2 hours, 45 minutes — three-quarters of an hour longer than scheduled. No explanation was given by either side about the prolonged discussions.

In the afternoon, the talks were moved down the street to an ornate villa within the iron fences of the Soviet compound. The session was convened in a large, wood-paneled room with high ceilings, parqueted floors,

and dominated gold-colored chandelier. Haig, a slight smile across his face, sat on a leather couch under a portrait of Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev. Gromyko, seated quietly on his couch, was stone-faced and dour. Both men were heard by reporters to agree on one thing: The pools of camera crews and photographers which customarily film the opening minutes of such conferences are a nuisance.

A reporter asked what they would talk about and about their views on the military crackdown in Poland. "Patience, patience," Gromyko replied. In English. About the reports that the Soviets are sending MiG-23 jet warplanes to Cuba? A reporter asked, "You didn't hear me the first time," said Gromyko. "I said, patience, patience, young man."

Reporters and the U.S. and Soviet staffs were then ushered out, and Haig and Gromyko and their interpreters were left to

talk alone behind a closed, stainless steel door. Haig had said that events in Poland would top his agenda in talks with his Soviet counterpart, with whom he had 10 hours of talks in New York in September.

Gromyko, whose motorcade arrived at the U.S. mission precisely at 10 a.m. local time (0900 GMT), had said there were no circumstances which would draw him into a discussion of Poland's internal affairs — the lead item on the U.S. agenda.

Haig, the host for the first of a pair of two-hour meetings scheduled Tuesday, had said that if Gromyko refused to talk about Poland, then Tuesday's long-scheduled meeting could be brief.

U.S. officials accompanying Haig to Europe told reporters they always expected Gromyko to be inflexible on Poland. And they say that shortly after the full impact of Poland's martial law regime was realized they became certain the Haig-Gromyko talks would produce few concrete results. They asked not to be identified.

In a clear sign the United States intends to keep up the pressure on Poland, State Department spokesman Dean Fischer announced that Haig will go to Madrid Feb. 9 to present complaints of Soviet violation of the Helsinki final act of the European security conference. Representatives of 35 nations meet in the Spanish capital to review implementation of the Helsinki accord.

The diplomatic parring began days ago and escalated when Haig used his arrival statement to denounce "increasing repression" in Poland. Haig said he would use the meeting to "express first-hand and directly to Foreign Minister Gromyko the outrage that is felt in my own country and in Western capitals."

As Haig prepared to enter the talks he told reporters he is carefully studying the Warsaw announcement that martial law would be lifted by the end of next month. But Haig said such a step satisfies only one of three U.S. objectives.

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#### Khaled

French ambassadors. Crown Prince Fahd received the Crown Prince and Defense Minister of Qatar Sheikh Hamad ibn Khalifah Al Thani and, later on, S. Singh, special representative of India's Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

#### GCC

ion, Prince Sultan said they had carefully considered recommendations made by chiefs of staff. "We hope that the resolutions we have taken, which are necessarily secret, will win the approval of the heads of state," he said.

Prince Sultan said members of the conference considered a report about setting up common military industries and called on economic and technical experts to contribute ideas to this project.

Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil said that the consolidated economic agreement binding all GCC states called on finance and economy ministers to deal with the establishment of final executive procedures. These matters included customs duties, taxes, passage costs, the rules for the movement of economic and banking activities, capital transfer and investment and currency regulations.

"We have to study the existing rules and decide how and in what way to amend them in order to ensure uniformity throughout the region," he said, "and establish regulations and instructions that will have to be issued to the executive authorities for implementation."

These will be some of the tasks of the ministers and the subcommittees which will be formed to carry out instructions. According to Sheikh Muhammad the ministers will also discuss a proposal to set up a joint Gulf investment company to work both inside and outside the GCC.

During the first finance ministers meeting, they will seek to replace the existing bilateral agreements with a general consolidated one to ensure closer financial and economic cooperation. This will allow the people of all the member states to be treated equally throughout the region.



HAIG MEETS GROMYKO: Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko (right) gestures as he is looked on by U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig before their talks in the U.S. mission in Geneva Tuesday.

## Photo suggests Dozier alive, but abductors refuse to talk

ROME, Jan. 26 (AP) — The Red Brigades have released a photo of kidnapped U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier that suggests he may still be alive but the leftist urban guerrillas say they will refuse to negotiate.

One Italian newspaper, the leftist *La Repubblica*, said the Red Brigades' refusal to negotiate means they will probably kill the general, who was kidnapped from his home in Verona on Dec. 17. It called the declaration "almost a death sentence." Police refused to speculate on the general's possible fate.

The gang broke nine days of silence and issued a new communiqué Monday night containing threats against police, judges and journalists. A snapshot accompanying it shows Dozier, who had a crewcut and was clean shaven when kidnapped from his apartment, with a beard a slightly longer hair. A bruise under one eye, visible in the first photo of the general released by the gang Dec. 27, seemed to have disappeared. Police had no way of knowing when the photo was taken, except that it was taken sometime after the first one.

NATO officials refused to comment on the document except to say Judith Dozier, the general's wife had been informed of it. She left Italy a week ago and is reportedly in West Germany.

In their five written statements since the kidnapping, the terrorists have set no conditions for the general's release. In the third one, they gave what they claimed was a transcript of their interrogation of him and said he was facing "proletarian justice." But there has been no further mention of the "trial" or interrogation.

The fifth statement was found in a wastebasket after an anonymous caller told the Rome newspaper *Il Giornale d'Italia* where to look for it. Police confiscated the document and did not allow journalists to photocopy it, but the newspaper carried excerpts of the statements.

The Red Brigades said journalists, police and prosecutors were enemies of "revolutionary forces" and said "in the end, nothing will go unpunished."

### Inauguration today

## Finns elect new president

HELSINKI, Jan. 26 (Agencies) — Finnish Prime Minister Mauno Koivisto, 58, was voted his country's ninth president and the first Social Democratic head of state Tuesday, election officials said.

A special college of 301 popularly chosen members elected him to the nation's most powerful office with 167 votes. Koivisto won 145 electors in the popular vote on Jan. 18-19 and the promised support of 21 Communists and one other elector.

Koivisto, a former Central Bank governor, N-plant men return

ONTARIO, New York, Jan. 26 (AP) — Workers began returning to the Ginna Nuclear Plant Tuesday morning following an emergency shutdown that was ordered when a pipe failure released puffs of radioactive steam into the atmosphere.

A spokesman for Rochester Gas and Electric Company, the plant's owner, said temperatures and pressures in Ginna's nuclear reactor gradually were lowered sufficiently overnight by ventilating to allow most workers to return to the plant site at this village.

will be inaugurated and make his first speech from the presidential palace Wednesday.

He succeeds Finland's 81-year-old elder statesman, President Urho Kekkonen, who resigned because of poor health on Oct. 27. Kekkonen had occupied the presidency for five successive terms since 1956, a proponent of neutrality and harmonious co-existence with the neighboring Soviet Union. Kekkonen was on close personal terms with Kremlin leaders.

In replacing him, Koivisto will have had a useful apprenticeship, since he has been interim president since last September, when the ailing head of state was incapacitated with amnesia and arteriosclerosis.

As expected, National Coalition (conservative) Party candidate Harri Kerkko received 58 votes. Parliamentary Speaker Johannes Virolainen, the candidate of the rural-based Center Party, received 53.

Swedish People's Party candidate Jan-Magnus Jan On and Kalevi Kivistö for the Communists and their allies received 11 votes each. The only woman candidate, Liberal Helvi Sipilä, received one vote.

## Gallows awaiting 137 Indians

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26 (AFP) — The hangman's noose is being prepared again in India, and not since independence from the British in 1947 has there been such hectic activity in the country's jails.

One-hundred and thirty-seven condemned prisoners, reprieved after an unprecedented supreme court directive staying all executions, will be led to the gallows after all. The court has vacated its stay order and has ruled they shall be carried out.

The executions will begin Jan. 31 in New Delhi, when Billa and Ranga, two criminals who shocked the nation in 1978 when they tortured, raped and killed two children of a naval officer, will be hanged in the Tihar Jail. Hangmen from all over the country have been summoned to various jails. They have begun waxing Manila ropes and are taking care of the details for the ritual that precedes and follows executions in India.

The supreme court had stayed executions Nov. 9 last year after Billa, a taxi driver before he turned to crime, questioned Indian president's power to reject his mercy petition.

The court ruled it would review the presidential powers and stayed all executions. But subsequently, the court said it was vacating the stay order. It ruled that the murder of the naval officer's two children—teenage boy and a girl, "bears a professional stamp and that the survival of an orderly society demands the executions of persons like Billa and Ranga." The court also ruled that Ranga's petition was not a proper case to review the powers of the president.

The November stay order of the executions provoked unprecedented reaction from the otherwise docile society. Indians, who firmly believe in peace and forgiveness, were wild at the judges. "We want death to Ranga and Billa...hang them," read headlines of some of the letters printed by major newspapers.

The two children, who had asked for a lift, were taken to a secluded spot in the capital. They were tortured and the girl was repeatedly raped and then cut into pieces with a sword.

Indian prison laws, relics of the British rule, have a gruesome way of dealing with condemned prisoners who are told in advance of their execution date as if to mentally prepare them for death. The execution itself is a cruel ritual.

Manila rope, one inch in diameter, is prescribed for use in all executions in India. The rope should be 5.77 meters in length and strong enough to bear a strain of 127.12 kgs with a seven-foot drop. "The criminal shall mount the scaffold and shall be placed directly under the beam to which the rope is attached, the wardens still holding him by the arms," a manual for executioners says.

"The executioner shall next strap his legs tightly together, place the cap over his head and face and adjust the rope tightly round his neck, the noose being (3.81 centimeters) to the right or left of the middle line and free from the flap of the cap," the manual adds.

### Communist Party rupture

## Italians resent Soviet stance

ROME, Jan. 26 (R) — Leaders of Italy's main government parties Tuesday rallied behind a defiant opposition Communist Party in its quarrel with Moscow over Poland. Political strategists are now weighing up the likely gains for Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer, whose party has been kept out of government since 1948.

An unsigned article in the Communist Party newspaper *L'Unita* accused the Kremlin of intolerance, misrepresentation and arrogance in rejecting Berlinguer's support for the Solidarity free trade union.

### American film 'embarrassing'

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP) — Denis Healy, No. 2 man in Britain's opposition Labor Party, said Monday the U.S. administration's *Let Poland be Poland* television film will be "intensely embarrassing to everyone outside of the United States."

"I think it is absolutely wrong to treat the Polish tragedy as Hollywood razzmatazz (showiness)," Healy told reporters at Heathrow Airport before boarding a flight to Washington for six-day visit to the United States.

*Let Poland be Poland*, which is being produced by the U.S. government in support of the Polish people under martial law, is to be beamed around the world by satellite Jan. 30.

The hour-long special features U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Britain's Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and other world leaders, and such celebrities as singer Frank Sinatra and actor Orson Welles. "I suppose it will be the first and last time we will have Mrs. Thatcher appearing on the same program as Frank Sinatra," Healy said.

The article rejected the role of the Soviet Union and termed the suppression of Solidarity a blow against the overwhelming majority of the Polish working class. It said Moscow was incapable of self-criticism, unable to learn from past mistakes and ruled out the possibility of rational debate by suppressing every voice of dissent.

The *L'Unita*, on a point-by-point defense of Italian Communist views, accused the Soviet Union of trying to turn the clock back to the days of Soviet supremacy over world Communism. It was the latest salvo in a war of words with the Soviet Communist Party newspaper *Pravda* which Sunday attacked Berlinguer for his defense of Poland's Solidarity trade union.

The *Pravda* article was "the fruit of counterfeiting and calumny" and the Soviet Union had failed utterly to learn from its past mistakes in relations with Yugoslavia and China, the article said. A text of the article was distributed through the party press office Monday night, giving it the clear stamp of approval by the party leadership.

Relations between the two parties have been strained since the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, which was condemned by the Italians. They were further soured by Italian criticism of Moscow's move into Afghanistan in 1979 and by an Italian decision to boycott the Moscow-inspired Paris conference on peace and disarmament in April 1980. Berlinguer went to Peking instead.

*L'Unita* said Tuesday Italian Communists did not deny the decisive role played by Moscow to socialism in the past. "But the structure of the world has changed. New ways are opening," and the Italian party rejected any return to the concept of "a guiding state with a mentality and desire for (world) supremacy," it said.

*L'Unita* rejected *Pravda*'s claims that the Italian party leadership had used the Polish crisis as a pretext for denigrating the Soviet Union. "Millions of working people, the overwhelming majority of the working class, joined Solidarnosc (Solidarity). How can these be judged counter-revolutionary, it asked.

### U.K. warned of bombers

LONDON, Jan. 26 (AP) — Irish Republican Army bombers who killed three persons and wounded 40 in London last fall will strike again, the head of Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad warned Tuesday.

Commander Mike Richards, appealing for "continued vigilance by the public," told an inquest on the three fatalities: "It's my view that the killers are lying low or have returned to Ireland. But I'm convinced they'll be back."

Scotland Yard detectives were interrogating a young man arrested in Belfast Sunday in connection with IRA bombings in Britain, but they said he was not linked with the London bombings last October and November. Nevertheless the detectives considered the arrest "significant."

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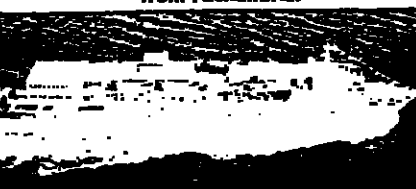
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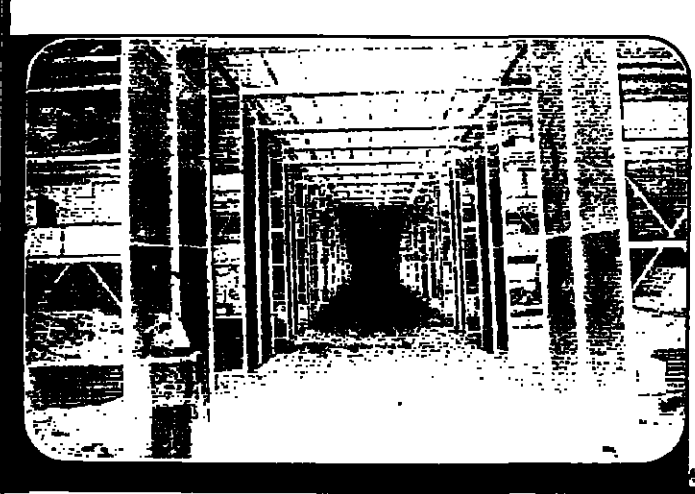
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